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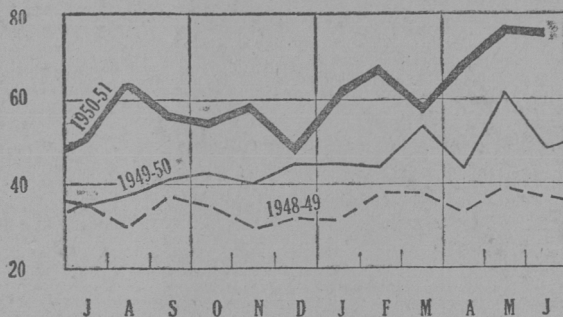
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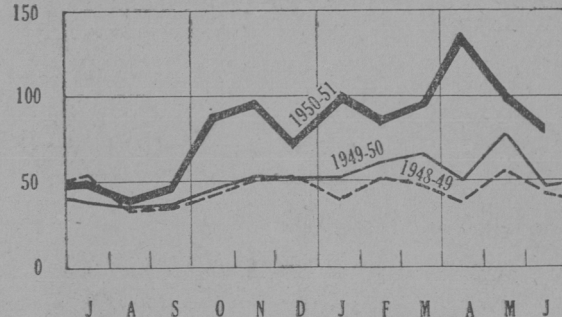
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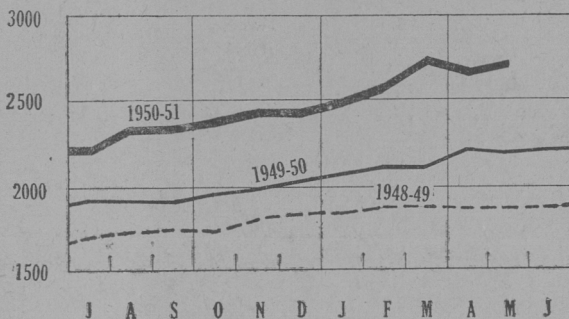
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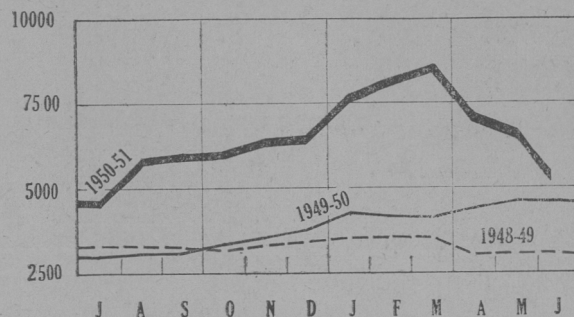
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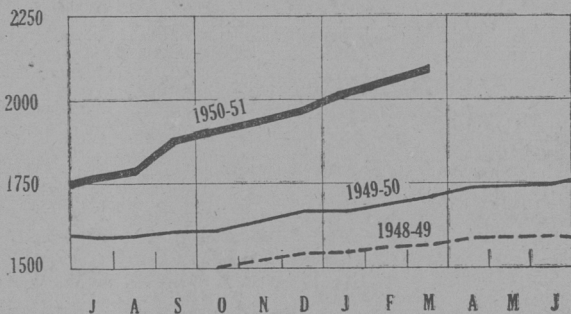
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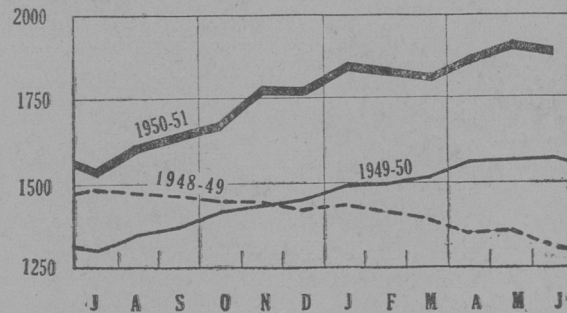
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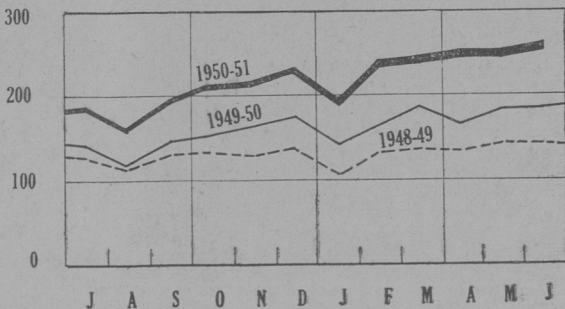
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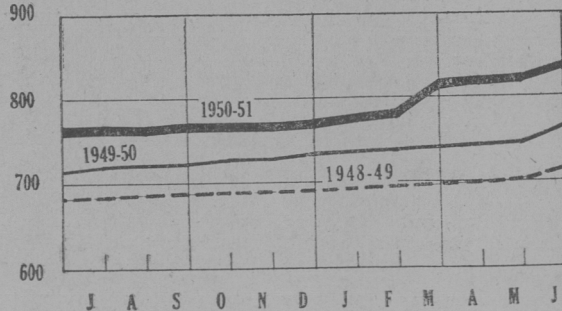
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GRAPHS.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Employment—Australia.(a)						Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46=1,000) (d).	Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. (e)	Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. (e)
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (b)			Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c)	Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 1,000).			
		Males.	Females.	Total.					
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.			£ millions.	£'000.
1932-33 ..	(f) 1,644	(f)992	(f)341	(f)1,333	352	(g)1,000	..	29.1	3,017
1936-37	499	1,247	..	37.2	3,407
1937-38	536	1,283	..	40.6	3,632
1938-39 ..	(h)2,061	(h)1,293	(h)437	(h)1,730	542	1,300	..	39.8	3,580
		(i)	(i)	(i)					
1944-45 ..	(j) 2,115	1,284	626	1,910	727	1,138	1,013	52.3	5,869
1945-46 ..	† 2,344	1,379	602	1,981	718	1,267	1,000	55.7	5,576
1946-47 ..	† 2,481	1,592	610	2,202	776	1,448	1,035	66.8	5,303
1947-48	1,693	635	2,328	816	1,559	1,159	79.5	(m)6,376
1948-49	1,757	656	2,413	840	1,678	1,321	93.4	7,174
1949-50	1,810	675	2,485	854	1,711	1,451	110.2	7,702
1950-51	1,804	..	..	..
1948-49—
June	1,772	658	2,430	834	1,687	1,392	98.7	7,264
1949-50—
July	1,688	633	(n)2,321	758	1,660	(n)1,318	88.2	4,119
August	1,764	659	(n)2,423	832	1,678	(n)1,345	95.6	6,213
September	1,790	666	2,456	846	1,684	1,422	108.1	7,852
October	1,798	672	2,470	854	1,688	1,422	111.5	8,156
November	1,811	677	2,488	859	1,728	1,426	105.7	8,453
December	1,817	681	2,498	856	1,794	1,454	113.8	8,370
January	1,822	674	2,496	860	1,716	1,471	92.6	8,302
February	1,835	681	2,516	869	1,699	1,476	110.2	7,705
March	1,839	688	2,527	876	1,713	1,507	124.1	8,540
April	1,846	686	2,532	875	1,716	1,490	110.5	7,574
May	1,855	689	2,544	880	1,726	1,521	134.9	8,709
June	1,859	688	2,547	883	1,729	1,552	126.6	8,438
1950-51—
July	1,858	690	2,548	883	1,730	1,548	117.8	7,679
August	1,864	691	2,555	884	1,738	1,607	130.1	8,895
September	1,868	696	2,564	886	1,752	1,586	132.3	8,816
October	1,844	700	(n)2,544	884	1,780	1,604	146.0	7,732
November	1,864	708	(n)2,572	889	1,834	1,637	137.8	6,838
December	1,884	712	2,596	891	1,882	1,732	133.9	8,480
January	1,887	703	2,590	893	1,808	1,786	*119.9	9,323
February	1,895	713	2,608	899	1,806	1,835	†143.7	8,702
March	1,897	716	2,613	900	1,813	†1,844	..	9,144
April	1,905	718	2,623	905	1,822	†1,879	..	9,400
May	1,911	719	2,630	908	1,835	†1,974	..	10,234
June	1,843	..	..	..

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (c) Excludes working proprietors. (d) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus 45 per cent. of female employment. Seasonally adjusted. (e) Monthly average for years, and monthly totals. (f) June, 1933. (g) July, 1933. (h) July, 1939. (i) Averages for year. (j) June, 1945. (k) June, 1946. (l) June, 1947. (m) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways systems. (n) Affected by industrial disputes.

For meaning of symbols .., *, †, —, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Receipts. (a)	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of Period. (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Building Permits (b) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Savings Bank Deposits at end of Period.	Australian Notes held by Public.	Bank Clearings Six Capitals (Weekly Averages).	Nine Trading Banks.		
		Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles, etc.					Deposits.		Advances.
								Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	
	£'000. (c)	'000.	'000.	£'000. (c)	£ millions.	£ millions. (d)	£ millions.	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)
1932-33 ..	1,053	438	106	565	202.3	25.0	30.1	183.2	86.7	231.0
1936-37 ..	1,318	499	214	1,986	230.9	29.4	42.0	184.7	112.9	262.5
1937-38 ..	1,396	535	242	2,307	240.4	31.5	44.0	194.8	120.0	274.4
1938-39 ..	1,447	562	258	2,353	245.6	32.9	43.1	198.8	118.9	288.1
1944-45 ..	2,323	506	291	520	567.0	177.0	72.2	224.0	343.8	208.7
1945-46 ..	2,371	523	333	2,190	663.6	175.4	79.6	220.4	386.0	212.2
1946-47 ..	2,484	550	376	4,084	660.0	180.7	93.9	206.9	429.7	261.1
1947-48 ..	2,616	593	414	4,687	681.3	175.8	109.8	201.9	471.6	329.9
1948-49 ..	2,776	655	452	5,577	714.2	178.6	131.0	211.3	565.1	368.6
1949-50 ..	3,196	768	496	7,129	762.1	194.3	160.4	224.5	685.6	403.9
1950-51 ..	3,732	†883	†551	10,426	837.4	219.0	218.3	247.7	896.5	479.3
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
August ..	2,935	670	457	6,401	721.4	187.4	118.5	212.6	578.5	390.5
September..	2,868	677	462	7,136	723.2	188.8	145.5	211.7	590.6	393.7
October ..	3,062	682	465	6,507	727.9	190.1	151.0	211.3	610.0	400.7
November..	3,351	692	471	6,828	729.5	191.5	163.2	221.1	644.1	404.6
December..	3,515	702	477	5,101	732.1	200.0	173.7	222.2	692.4	404.0
January ..	3,010	709	477	6,221	735.8	194.6	142.1	226.8	703.0	400.9
February ..	3,332	716	482	8,011	739.2	194.1	164.9	228.9	737.8	399.8
March ..	3,582	731	486	8,357	741.8	196.1	187.0	231.4	775.2	404.7
April ..	2,916	739	489	6,716	744.7	200.6	164.9	238.6	779.4	414.9
May ..	3,703	755	497	10,043	746.1	199.3	182.6	235.6	766.0	414.1
June ..	3,550	768	496	9,198	762.1	201.9	183.7	239.4	765.5	427.2
1950-51—										
July ..	3,021	777	500	9,117	763.9	203.5	186.3	244.5	753.3	440.5
August ..	3,595	790	508	10,026	762.4	204.9	160.7	244.3	739.1	444.1
September..	3,276	800	511	9,602	766.5	206.9	194.4	244.0	758.3	449.2
October ..	3,604	811	515	9,800	766.6	208.4	210.0	248.7	808.4	465.0
November..	3,563	822	523	10,783	766.7	210.5	212.1	250.1	846.5	476.5
December..	3,996	831	528	7,369	769.2	222.8	228.4	247.1	886.5	490.5
January ..	3,574	839	529	9,599	773.7	219.1	196.7	249.2	909.9	482.0
February ..	3,710	849	535	10,095	780.2	220.4	237.6	247.3	950.9	495.3
March ..	3,695	858	540	10,867	817.8	229.5	242.2	246.2	1,038.9	507.2
April ..	4,099	869	545	13,079	820.6	231.1	251.5	248.1	1,048.9	502.3
May ..	4,361	875	548	12,942	824.4	234.7	250.7	251.9	1,039.8	496.9
June ..	4,284	†883	†551	11,833	837.4	238.6	258.5	250.1	987.6	509.5
1951-52—										
July ..	4,346				841.9	241.4	243.3	252.1	952.2	527.6
August ..	4,555									

(a) Actual collections. (b) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 25). (c) Monthly averages. (d) Notes held by the public on bank balance days of the period. (e) Average twelve months ended June.

For meaning of symbols, †, —, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.(c)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1944—June ..	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6
1945—June ..	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.0
1946—June ..	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.4	140.6
1947—June ..	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9
1948—June ..	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	625.0	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3
1949—May(d) ..	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	168.3
1950—June ..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0	171.2
1951—January ..	561.0	1,325.7	1,886.7	54.4	666.4	203.4	292.5	129.8	185.6	172.7
February ..	564.8	1,330.2	1,895.0	54.9	667.5	206.8	294.5	129.5	186.9	172.8
March ..	567.1	1,329.8	1,896.9	54.8	667.6	208.6	293.6	129.2	187.7	172.9
April ..	570.0	1,335.0	1,905.0	55.3	671.1	210.9	294.2	129.4	188.3	172.8
May† ..	570.1	1,340.4	1,910.5	55.5	674.0	211.9	294.9	129.6	188.5	172.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1944—June ..	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7
1945—June ..	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	175.7
1946—June ..	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.6	50.8	183.4
1947—June ..	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3
1948—June ..	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	208.0	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9	200.3
1949—May(d) ..	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.6
1950—June ..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8	211.2
1951—January ..	110.5	593.2	703.7	0.8	226.4	3.5	39.9	118.1	68.6	212.9
February ..	112.6	600.4	713.0	0.8	231.9	3.6	40.4	117.8	70.1	214.2
March ..	113.0	602.9	715.9	0.8	232.2	3.6	40.2	118.1	71.4	215.2
April ..	113.5	604.7	718.2	0.8	233.6	3.6	40.2	118.4	71.4	215.8
May† ..	113.8	605.3	719.1	0.8	234.3	3.7	40.3	118.8	71.4	215.2
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1944—June ..	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3
1945—June ..	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7	289.7
1946—June ..	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.8	184.2	324.0
1947—June ..	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2
1948—June ..	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	833.0	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6	363.6
1949—May(d) ..	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.9
1950—June ..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8	382.4
1951—January ..	671.5	1,918.9	2,590.4	55.2	892.8	206.9	332.4	247.9	254.2	385.6
February ..	677.4	1,930.6	2,608.0	55.7	899.4	210.4	334.9	247.3	257.0	387.0
March ..	680.1	1,932.7	2,612.8	55.6	899.8	212.2	333.8	247.3	259.1	388.1
April ..	683.5	1,939.7	2,623.2	56.1	904.7	214.5	334.4	247.8	259.7	388.6
May† ..	683.9	1,945.7	2,629.6	56.3	908.3	215.6	335.2	248.4	259.9	387.5

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (d) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1943—June ..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June ..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June ..	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June ..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June ..	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June ..	702.3	473.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,730.9
1949—May(b) ..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1950—June ..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—January ..	752.1	519.0	251.1	168.5	123.8	59.5	4.5	8.2	1,886.7
February ..	754.4	520.8	253.4	169.0	124.9	59.9	4.4	8.2	1,895.0
March ..	752.2	521.7	255.9	169.0	125.2	60.3	4.5	8.1	1,896.9
April ..	755.9	523.5	258.1	169.3	124.8	60.7	4.6	8.1	1,905.0
May ..	758.1	525.3	259.2	169.8	124.7	60.6	4.6	8.2	1,910.5
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1943—June ..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June ..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June ..	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June ..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.5	16.6	0.3	1.6	596.0
1947—June ..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June ..	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—May(b) ..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1950—June ..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—January ..	284.9	214.6	84.5	56.6	40.3	19.6	0.8	2.4	703.7
February ..	288.3	218.1	85.7	56.7	41.2	19.8	0.8	2.4	713.0
March ..	288.8	218.9	86.3	57.0	41.5	20.2	0.8	2.4	715.9
April ..	290.2	219.7	86.1	56.9	41.7	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.2
May ..	291.0	219.6	86.3	56.9	41.6	20.4	0.8	2.5	719.1
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1943—June ..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June ..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June ..	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June ..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.4	63.5	3.1	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June ..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June ..	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—May(b) ..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1950—June ..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—January ..	1,037.0	733.6	335.6	225.1	164.1	79.1	5.3	10.6	2,590.4
February ..	1,042.7	738.9	339.1	225.7	166.1	79.7	5.2	10.6	2,608.0
March ..	1,041.0	740.6	342.2	226.0	166.7	80.5	5.3	10.5	2,612.8
April ..	1,046.1	743.2	344.2	226.2	166.5	81.0	5.4	10.6	2,623.2
May ..	1,049.1	744.9	345.5	226.7	166.3	81.0	5.4	10.7	2,629.6

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 4.
were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

(b) Figures for June, 1949,

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1943-44 ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	(a)744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	(a)727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49† ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50† ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
Monthly Totals.											
1948-49—†											
May ..	363.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411
June ..	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.6	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377
1949-50—†											
July ..	284.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.0	191.3	758.3	1,442	1,248
August ..	348.0	276.4	79.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	622.1	210.2	832.3	1,583	1,367
September ..	357.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	36.1	21.2	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,609	1,386
October ..	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.3	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395
November ..	364.6	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.6	858.7	1,633	1,399
December ..	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391
January ..	365.5	281.0	78.1	77.0	36.8	21.8	642.7	217.5	860.2	1,636	1,395
February..	370.2	283.1	80.1	77.1	37.0	21.8	647.6	221.7	869.3	1,653	1,406
March ..	371.6	286.3	80.2	78.1	37.4	22.4	651.7	224.3	876.0	1,666	1,413
April ..	371.0	285.4	80.3	78.6	37.4	22.6	651.8	223.5	875.3	1,665	1,409
May ..	373.7	285.8	81.0	78.8	37.9	22.7	655.8	224.1	879.9	1,674	1,413
June ..	374.4	286.4	82.5	79.1	37.9	22.5	659.0	223.8	882.8	1,679	1,413
1950-51—†											
July ..	373.8	286.5	83.0	79.6	37.8	22.3	659.0	224.0	883.0	1,679	1,410
August ..	375.5	286.6	83.3	79.3	37.9	21.6	659.9	224.3	884.2	1,682	1,408
September ..	376.2	287.1	83.3	79.9	38.1	21.5	660.2	225.9	886.1	1,685	1,408
October(b) ..	378.0	283.2	82.9	80.0	38.2	21.3	655.9	227.7	883.6	1,681	1,401
November(b) ..	379.2	286.1	83.0	80.2	38.3	21.7	658.9	229.6	888.5	1,690	1,404
December ..	377.6	290.8	81.2	80.5	38.3	22.7	663.0	228.1	891.1	1,695	1,404
January ..	378.1	291.1	81.5	81.3	38.5	22.3	666.4	226.4	892.8	1,698	1,404
February..	380.4	293.6	82.4	81.6	39.0	22.4	667.5	231.9	899.4	1,711	1,411
March ..	379.1	293.8	83.4	81.8	39.1	22.6	667.6	232.2	899.8	1,711	1,407
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412
May ..	383.5	295.3	85.4	81.6	39.4	23.1	674.0	234.3	908.3	1,728	1,413

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1943-44, 116.0, and 1944-45, 89.1.
 (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

RETAIL STORES EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on Pay-Roll Tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Males—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1941—November	1,007	996	1,020	987	961	996	1,001
1945—August	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
1950—June	1,332	1,306	1,326	1,469	1,558	1,338	1,352
July	1,338	1,310	1,336	1,461	1,558	1,328	1,356
August	1,344	1,320	1,341	1,469	1,546	1,328	1,362
September	1,353	1,325	1,342	1,481	1,556	1,326	1,369
October	1,366	1,328	1,346	1,495	1,550	1,336	1,377
November	1,412	1,357	1,353	1,528	1,562	1,345	1,409
December	1,454	1,364	1,396	1,533	1,636	1,370	1,440
1951—January	1,374	1,351	1,402	1,513	1,613	1,372	1,400
February	1,376	1,349	1,385	1,515	1,609	1,372	1,399
March	1,376	1,358	1,376	1,518	1,630	1,379	1,402
April	1,377	1,374	1,384	1,519	1,610	1,386	1,407
May	1,391	1,386	1,382	1,530	1,608	1,392	1,417
June	1,391	1,384	1,405	1,525	1,621	1,404	1,420
Females—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1941—November	1,060	1,055	1,069	1,075	1,070	1,058	1,062
1945—August	965	922	1,055	1,042	1,003	1,060	975
1950—June	1,203	1,115	1,353	1,249	1,314	1,340	1,211
July	1,206	1,107	1,358	1,244	1,303	1,321	1,210
August	1,213	1,116	1,369	1,237	1,306	1,321	1,216
September	1,232	1,112	1,384	1,250	1,315	1,339	1,229
October	1,284	1,144	1,399	1,268	1,325	1,361	1,262
November	1,341	1,186	1,416	1,351	1,351	1,414	1,310
December	1,399	1,198	1,458	1,342	1,437	1,526	1,350
1951—January	1,282	1,168	1,419	1,311	1,379	1,445	1,280
February	1,281	1,164	1,430	1,304	1,394	1,450	1,280
March	1,286	1,170	1,438	1,317	1,410	1,458	1,287
April	1,293	1,183	1,437	1,322	1,418	1,466	1,295
May	1,294	1,193	1,472	1,348	1,404	1,504	1,305
June	1,307	1,187	1,482	1,366	1,424	1,515	1,313
Persons—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1941—November	1,034	1,025	1,042	1,031	1,016	1,024	1,030
1945—August	849	837	892	922	897	953	864
1950—June	1,267	1,209	1,338	1,355	1,429	1,339	1,275
July	1,272	1,207	1,346	1,348	1,423	1,325	1,276
August	1,278	1,216	1,354	1,349	1,419	1,325	1,282
September	1,292	1,222	1,363	1,361	1,428	1,333	1,293
October	1,324	1,235	1,370	1,377	1,431	1,348	1,313
November	1,376	1,270	1,382	1,436	1,450	1,379	1,353
December	1,426	1,280	1,424	1,434	1,531	1,447	1,388
1951—January	1,328	1,258	1,410	1,408	1,489	1,408	1,334
February	1,328	1,255	1,406	1,405	1,495	1,410	1,333
March	1,331	1,262	1,404	1,413	1,513	1,418	1,338
April	1,335	1,277	1,408	1,417	1,508	1,425	1,344
May	1,342	1,288	1,423	1,435	1,500	1,447	1,354
June	1,349	1,284	1,440	1,442	1,517	1,459	1,360

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).							
1945-46	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948-49	8,105	5,536	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1949-50	8,988	6,358	2,830	1,893	1,320	668	22,057
1949-50 (July-March)	8,747	6,186	2,770	1,838	1,295	648	21,484
1950-51 (" ")	10,855	7,516	3,353	2,276	1,572	775	26,347
1948-49—							
September Qtr. ..	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December " ..	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March " ..	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June " ..	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,522
1949-50—							
September Qtr. ..	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December " ..	9,394	6,501	2,900	1,904	1,335	667	22,701
March " ..	8,864	6,147	2,736	1,868	1,326	661	21,602
June " ..	9,713	6,873	3,012	2,056	1,395	726	23,775
1950-51—							
September Qtr. ..	9,989	7,042	3,156	2,120	1,495	709	24,511
December " ..	11,189	7,649	3,472	2,265	1,578	775	26,928
March " ..	11,387	7,857	3,431	2,443	1,643	842	27,603
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)							
1945-46	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948-49	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.18	7.93	7.63	8.57
1949-50	9.68	10.00	8.49	9.00	8.85	8.60	9.45
1949-50 (July-March)	9.27	9.79	8.36	8.83	8.75	8.39	9.27
1950-51 (" ")	11.27	11.50	9.69	10.35	10.11	9.77	10.90
1948-49—							
September Qtr. ..	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December " ..	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March " ..	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June " ..	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
1949-50—							
September Qtr. ..	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December " ..	10.06	10.28	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73
March " ..	9.40	9.60	8.21	8.80	8.84	8.46	9.16
June " ..	10.23	10.62	8.87	9.52	9.14	9.21	9.97
1950-51—							
September Qtr. ..	10.46	10.86	9.14	9.70	9.72	9.07	10.22
December " ..	11.58	11.76	10.03	10.31	10.15	9.78	11.16
March " ..	11.75	11.86	9.89	11.05	10.44	10.44	11.33

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1950*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(d)
	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Averages.									
1946-47	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
July	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	101,502	7,671	1,731
August	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	5,448	7,914	807
September ..	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,644	7,936	772
October	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,279	7,874	773
November ..	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,240	8,012	848
December ..	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,502	6,859	768
January	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,804	7,078	807
February ..	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	2,013	7,588	824
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	2,111	7,713	852
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,902	7,381	842
May	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,289	7,506	836
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	1,226	7,491	908
1950-51—									
July	513	164	437	6	101	26	1,247	7,841	880
August	250	54	200	5	75	24	608	7,730	908
September ..	220	51	120	8	54	26	479	7,576	898
October	243	67	127	7	45	17	506	7,595	892
November ..	214	137	145	6	58	11	571	7,212	873
December ..	450	129	268	8	63	10	928	6,370	808
January	179	46	401	5	64	9	704	6,326	832
February ..	170	30	703	6	54	11	974	6,890	859
March	433	43	646	5	54	9	1,190	6,622	838
April	266	48	291	4	53	8	670	6,540	800
May	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,960	850
June	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921
1951-52—									
July	233	198	137	5	49	8	630	7,145	940

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.
(d) Excludes new Australians. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits—				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						New Australians.	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Averages.								
1946-47 ..	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280	—	2,328	137,510
1947-48 ..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49 ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50 ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51 ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	19,088		86,435
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50—								
July ..	112,746	28,415	141,161	583,025	56,789	25,001	6,072	670,887
August ..	10,206	1,595	11,801	603,293	77,999	30,577	14,978	726,847
September ..	651	92	743	99,907	72,743	47,716	Cr. 549	219,817
October ..	525	105	630	Cr. 57,012	69,238	25,615	5,408	43,249
November ..	420	64	484	Cr. 24,269	62,859	28,436	10,631	77,657
December ..	611	75	686	3,608	66,632	19,272	6,003	95,515
January ..	1,556	67	1,623	13,398	68,678	35,825	4,160	122,061
February ..	1,006	67	1,073	8,168	60,747	28,169	4,645	101,729
March ..	877	81	958	7,289	79,810	35,841		122,940
April ..	776	103	879	12,597	56,918	29,437		98,952
May ..	467	93	560	8,608	66,330	34,517		109,455
June ..	407	96	503	7,461	77,271	32,584		117,316
1950-51—								
July ..	1,457	260	1,717	4,410	54,539	25,598		84,547
August ..	686	89	775	5,944	76,937	30,086		112,967
September ..	550	111	661	4,713	68,048	21,063		93,824
October ..	419	60	479	2,921	64,989	20,523		88,433
November ..	911	85	996	6,313	71,551	21,056		98,920
December ..	1,070	119	1,189	3,458	57,693	22,222		83,373
January ..	732	94	826	6,879	56,967	22,755		86,601
February ..	1,238	104	1,342	5,668	57,374	20,669		83,711
March ..	1,280	104	1,384	8,417	65,428	8,995		82,840
April ..	1,063	89	1,152	7,689	61,701	9,488		78,878
May ..	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	13,093		77,985
June ..	695	112	807	105	51,524	13,505		65,134
1951-52—								
July ..	870	109	979					

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TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

Period.			New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1936-37	..	..	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	..	..	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	..	..	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1943-44	..	..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.2
1944-45	..	..	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46	..	..	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	..	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	..	..	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	..	..	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a)	..	..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1947-48—									
May	..	..	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
1948-49—									
August	..	..	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
November..	..	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
February	..	..	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
May	..	..	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
1949-50—									
August (a)	..	..	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
November..	..	..	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
February	..	..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May	..	..	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51—									
August	..	..	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November..	..	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7
February	..	..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
May	..	..	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.8

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry ; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1951, TO MAY, 1951.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.2% to 0.4% ; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.2% to 0.3% ; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.4% to 1.5% ; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.6% to 0.7% ; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.1% to 0.2% ; VI. Other Manufacturing, nil (1.8%) ; VII. Building, 0.9% to 1.0% ; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 3.2% to 2.9% ; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, nil (0.7%) ; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.3% to 0.8% ; All groups, 0.7% to 0.8%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total.							
	Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic.		Class I.							
Annual Totals.														
1936-37 ..	4,164	4.0	1,708	1.7	41,223	39.9	47,095	45.6	7,452	7.2	4,893	4.7	386	0.4
1937-38 ..	5,661	4.4	1,855	1.5	51,419	40.2	58,935	46.1	9,411	7.4	5,644	4.4	440	0.4
1938-39 ..	4,622	4.1	2,053	1.8	43,181	38.2	49,856	44.1	8,828	7.8	5,630	4.9	1,059	0.9
1944-45 ..	2,460	1.2	2,172	1.0	73,660	34.7	78,292	36.9	19,747	9.3	9,746	4.6	49,026	23.1
1945-46 ..	3,103	1.8	4,180	2.4	65,253	36.8	72,536	41.0	19,964	11.3	7,555	4.3	30,465	17.2
1946-47 ..	4,867	2.3	3,795	1.8	91,138	43.8	99,800	47.9	18,300	8.8	13,557	6.5	5,128	2.5
1947-48 ..	8,729	2.6	3,469	1.0	148,343	43.9	160,541	47.5	28,536	8.4	24,703	7.3	1,551	0.5
1948-49 ..	14,326	3.5	3,821	0.9	162,541	39.2	180,688	43.6	36,436	8.8	26,528	6.4	3,077	0.7
1949-50 ..	24,315	4.5	5,175	1.0	173,262	32.3	202,752	37.8	46,219	8.6	28,685	5.4	1,536	0.3
1950-51† ..	40,983	5.5	4,995	0.7	281,745	38.0	327,723	44.2	60,348	8.1	33,957	4.6	1,119	0.2
Monthly Totals.														
1948-49—														
June ..	1,424	3.9	308	0.8	13,088	35.9	14,820	40.6	2,675	7.3	1,905	5.2	321	0.9
1949-50—														
July ..	1,188	3.4	382	1.1	13,475	38.4	15,045	42.9	2,691	7.7	2,083	5.8	58	0.2
August ..	1,278	3.5	481	1.3	13,030	35.2	14,789	40.0	4,005	10.8	2,405	6.5	85	0.2
September	1,823	4.4	519	1.3	14,528	35.4	16,870	41.1	2,770	6.7	2,316	5.6	74	0.2
October ..	1,817	4.3	606	1.4	14,101	33.3	16,524	39.0	3,248	7.6	3,343	7.9	121	0.3
November	1,658	4.2	483	1.2	12,099	30.1	14,240	35.5	3,918	9.8	2,156	5.4	114	0.3
December	2,342	5.3	292	0.6	13,871	31.1	16,505	37.0	3,746	8.4	2,592	5.8	160	0.4
January ..	2,113	4.8	273	0.6	13,275	29.8	15,661	35.2	4,464	10.0	2,069	4.7	270	0.6
February	2,251	5.1	497	1.1	12,960	29.5	15,708	35.7	4,638	10.5	2,927	6.7	202	0.5
March ..	2,900	5.4	400	0.7	17,089	31.9	20,389	38.0	3,710	6.9	2,456	4.6	222	0.4
April ..	1,931	4.4	442	1.0	13,344	30.4	15,717	35.8	3,714	8.5	1,876	4.3	82	0.2
May ..	2,727	4.4	413	0.7	19,313	31.3	22,453	36.4	4,872	7.9	2,715	4.4	115	0.2
June ..	2,287	4.7	387	0.8	16,177	33.6	18,851	39.1	4,443	9.2	1,747	3.6	33	0.1
1950-51†—														
July ..	2,465	4.9	347	0.7	17,787	35.1	20,599	40.7	3,841	7.6	1,918	3.8	42	0.1
August ..	3,739	5.8	675	1.1	22,462	35.1	26,876	42.0	4,941	7.7	2,214	3.5	87	0.1
September	2,666	4.7	655	1.2	20,171	35.4	23,492	41.3	5,254	9.2	2,496	4.4	38	0.1
October	2,762	5.0	490	0.9	19,394	35.6	22,646	41.5	4,907	9.0	3,041	5.6	62	0.1
November	2,807	4.8	601	1.0	22,080	37.8	25,488	43.6	4,778	8.2	2,789	4.8	40	0.1
December	3,039	6.1	430	0.9	18,898	38.2	22,367	45.2	3,540	7.1	2,926	5.9	26	0.1
January ..	3,918	6.3	240	0.4	21,730	34.9	25,888	41.6	5,366	8.6	3,441	5.5	187	0.3
February	3,967	5.9	352	0.5	23,522	34.9	27,841	41.3	6,192	9.2	3,124	4.6	74	0.1
March ..	3,546	6.1	164	0.3	22,662	38.8	26,372	45.2	3,797	6.5	2,371	4.1	36	0.1
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7	5,935	8.7	3,325	4.9	170	0.3
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1	5,919	7.7	3,584	4.7	102	0.1
June ..	4,380	5.8	398	0.5	32,291	42.6	37,069	48.9	5,878	7.8	2,728	3.6	255	0.3

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.		Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.			
			Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.										
	Class IV.	Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.							
Annual Totals.														
1936-37 ..	10,603	10.3	10,469	10.2	1,751	1.7	6,187	6.0	554	0.5	13,885	13.4	20,626	19.9
1937-38 ..	13,783	10.9	13,928	11.0	2,458	1.9	6,371	5.0	811	0.6	15,595	12.3	22,777	17.9
1938-39 ..	13,248	11.7	10,792	9.5	1,427	1.3	6,765	6.0	1,013	0.9	14,599	12.9	22,377	19.8
1944-45 ..	15,161	7.2	20,009	9.4	865	0.4	7,298	3.4	1,382	0.7	10,565	5.0	19,245	9.1
1945-46 ..	14,148	8.0	11,644	6.5	1,264	0.7	7,628	4.3	607	0.3	11,285	6.4	19,520	11.0
1946-47 ..	17,220	8.3	18,534	8.9	2,776	1.3	10,411	5.0	1,290	0.6	21,326	10.2	33,027	15.8
1947-48 ..	28,713	8.5	29,246	8.6	2,067	0.6	19,404	5.7	3,361	1.0	39,963	11.9	62,728	18.6
1948-49 ..	40,914	9.9	50,776	12.2	4,267	1.0	19,424	4.7	7,373	1.8	44,573	10.9	71,370	17.4
1949-50 ..	63,566	11.9	103,715	19.3	5,966	1.1	25,958	4.8	6,934	1.3	50,793	9.5	83,685	15.6
1950-51† ..	80,106	10.8	110,865	14.9	13,643	1.8	34,448	4.7	8,945	1.2	70,717	9.5	114,110	15.4
Monthly Totals.														
1948-49—														
June ..	4,428	12.1	5,504	15.1	345	1.0	2,009	5.5	563	1.5	3,927	10.8	6,499	17.8
1949-50—														
July ..	4,525	12.9	4,814	13.7	240	0.7	1,851	5.3	494	1.4	3,296	9.4	5,641	16.1
August ..	4,072	11.0	6,123	16.6	228	0.6	1,621	4.4	480	1.3	3,177	8.6	5,278	14.3
September ..	4,995	12.2	6,892	16.8	273	0.7	1,744	4.2	761	1.9	4,348	10.6	6,853	16.7
October ..	4,661	11.0	7,136	16.8	416	1.0	1,729	4.1	675	1.6	4,541	10.7	6,945	16.4
November ..	4,684	11.7	7,780	19.4	622	1.5	1,732	4.3	631	1.5	4,240	10.6	6,603	16.4
December ..	5,116	11.5	9,426	21.2	218	0.5	1,813	4.1	587	1.3	4,397	9.8	6,797	15.2
January ..	5,565	12.5	8,912	20.0	470	1.1	2,440	5.5	612	1.4	4,000	9.0	7,052	15.9
February ..	4,777	10.9	8,664	19.7	589	1.3	2,359	5.3	618	1.4	3,489	8.0	6,466	14.7
March ..	6,871	12.8	11,046	20.5	809	1.5	2,455	4.6	666	1.2	5,079	9.5	8,200	15.3
April ..	5,334	12.1	10,499	23.9	363	0.8	1,904	4.3	488	1.1	3,950	9.0	6,342	14.4
May ..	7,694	12.5	13,647	22.1	783	1.3	3,021	4.9	509	0.8	5,845	9.5	9,375	15.2
June ..	5,272	10.9	8,776	18.2	955	2.0	3,289	6.8	413	0.9	4,431	9.2	8,133	16.9
1950-51†—														
July ..	5,900	11.6	9,087	18.0	684	1.3	3,238	6.4	499	1.0	4,799	9.5	8,536	16.9
August ..	7,702	12.0	11,102	17.4	730	1.1	2,804	4.4	690	1.1	6,852	10.7	10,346	16.2
September ..	5,992	10.5	10,034	17.6	1,363	2.4	2,007	3.5	722	1.3	5,504	9.7	8,233	14.5
October ..	6,000	11.0	8,440	15.5	673	1.2	2,432	4.4	586	1.1	5,763	10.6	8,781	16.1
November ..	6,466	11.1	8,328	14.3	1,269	2.2	2,642	4.5	747	1.3	5,797	9.9	9,186	15.7
December ..	5,226	10.5	6,965	14.1	1,256	2.5	2,287	4.6	524	1.1	4,424	8.9	7,235	14.6
January ..	6,475	10.4	10,106	16.3	896	1.4	3,149	5.1	890	1.4	5,808	9.4	9,847	15.9
February ..	8,822	13.1	10,692	15.9	1,043	1.6	2,893	4.3	846	1.3	5,854	8.6	9,593	14.2
March ..	6,038	10.3	8,768	15.0	2,037	3.5	2,617	4.5	1,020	1.7	5,316	9.1	8,953	15.3
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,471	9.5	10,023	14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	*9,469	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,596	8.7	11,299	14.9
June ..	7,055	9.3	9,010	11.9	1,770	2.3	3,695	4.9	850	1.1	7,533	9.9	12,078	15.9

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Annual Totals.										
1936-37..	12,287	4,471	30,337	544	3,637	16,446	12,831	18,063	72,381	103,275
1937-38..	14,890	5,384	38,661	571	3,605	18,601	15,461	21,549	90,366	127,376
1938-39..	13,202	4,210	32,443	657	3,714	18,006	13,859	19,525	79,833	113,217
1944-45..	15,838	7,582	54,872	1,271	4,560	13,414	17,109	35,165	159,817	212,091
1945-46..	21,719	7,575	43,241	905	5,812	12,803	22,624	36,568	117,904	177,096
1946-47..	29,068	9,543	61,189	1,309	7,613	24,105	30,377	39,852	138,113	208,342
1947-48..	34,839	21,638	104,064	1,286	13,322	48,120	36,125	70,463	231,497	338,085
1948-49..	39,273	24,710	116,705	1,595	10,789	58,986	40,868	80,851	292,337	414,056
1949-50..	46,998	21,325	134,429	2,155	15,330	66,200	49,153	94,213	392,758	536,124
1950-51†	84,142	38,218	205,363	3,279	19,198	91,633	87,421	131,531	522,919	741,871
Monthly Totals.										
1948-49—										
June ..	2,586	1,731	10,503	150	1,268	5,081	2,736	6,481	27,280	36,497
1949-50—										
July ..	2,924	2,796	9,325	126	1,120	4,395	3,050	7,313	24,734	35,097
August ..	3,251	1,837	9,701	74	1,144	4,060	3,325	7,747	25,913	36,985
September ..	2,369	1,869	12,632	137	929	5,787	2,506	6,442	32,095	41,043
October ..	3,484	1,278	11,762	165	1,003	5,777	3,649	6,462	32,283	42,394
November ..	3,396	1,435	9,409	186	1,010	5,407	3,582	7,223	29,312	40,117
December ..	3,206	1,458	11,841	167	1,035	5,595	3,373	7,176	34,011	44,560
January ..	3,716	1,540	10,405	120	1,563	5,369	3,836	8,536	32,091	44,463
February ..	3,773	1,579	10,356	194	1,373	4,899	3,967	8,538	31,466	43,971
March ..	4,853	2,053	13,483	215	1,157	6,828	5,068	8,059	40,576	53,703
April ..	4,724	1,307	9,686	227	988	5,127	4,951	6,962	32,014	43,927
May ..	5,686	2,342	14,425	234	1,812	7,329	5,920	10,395	45,339	61,654
June ..	5,616	1,831	11,404	310	2,196	5,627	5,926	9,360	32,924	48,210
1950-51†—										
July ..	4,064	2,939	13,596	237	2,299	6,000	4,301	10,119	36,187	50,607
August ..	6,067	2,811	17,998	218	1,587	8,541	6,285	*10,661	47,052	*63,998
September ..	6,250	2,506	14,736	175	1,173	6,885	6,425	10,108	40,369	56,902
October ..	5,553	2,926	14,167	447	1,201	7,133	6,000	10,057	38,493	54,550
November ..	7,337	2,545	15,606	208	1,717	7,261	7,545	10,117	40,682	58,344
December ..	5,763	2,274	14,330	194	1,205	5,836	5,957	7,943	35,641	49,541
January ..	5,600	2,633	17,655	128	2,045	7,674	5,728	11,244	45,234	62,206
February ..	6,925	3,363	17,553	377	1,543	7,673	7,302	12,376	47,703	67,381
March ..	8,144	2,942	15,286	352	1,253	7,348	8,496	9,002	40,874	58,372
April ..	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,305	10,364	12,228	45,488	68,080
May ..	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,888	10,502	*14,445	51,100	*76,047
June ..	8,227	4,360	24,482	289	1,700	10,089	8,516	13,231	54,096	75,843

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page I.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold).
Annual Totals.										
1936-37	62,505	24,352	8,802	3,707	10,332	7,302	4,818	2,060	1,980	148,490 ⁰
1937-38	46,984	26,939	10,781	4,027	12,254	6,197	4,913	2,684	2,055	141,668 ⁸
1938-39	42,737	13,275	12,892	4,178	11,780	4,104	4,276	2,865	2,023	122,543 ³
1944-45	49,387	16,484	8,250	1,854	14,108	6,602	5,558	3,571	318	155,123 ³
1945-46	69,260	17,560	12,272	3,212	14,011	11,836	4,222	2,149	1,265	196,849 ⁹
1946-47	* 126,129	* 28,873	12,570	2,819	21,136	* 15,432	* 10,853	* 2,420	* 1,550	308,932
1947-48	148,747	84,636	20,629	3,162	22,586	12,361	13,772	2,559	3,887	405,982
1948-49	231,396	98,426	23,807	13,290	a 28,659	12,207	22,272	3,453	3,116	542,609
1949-50	313,147	88,506	24,670	14,221	34,246	15,153	16,992	2,888	3,934	613,572
1950-51†	635,513	* 107,320	* 17,443	14,841	* 30,467	27,338	20,556	4,690	5,738	983,812
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
July	17,603	6,202	536	403	2,564	896	1,666	268	297	37,138
August	12,096	7,990	633	1,709	3,101	1,279	838	616	236	35,642
September	9,494	8,267	1,215	2,751	4,216	1,206	694	315	104	36,171
October.. ..	22,304	7,477	938	1,404	2,923	1,108	800	103	85	45,053
November	28,774	5,450	1,783	1,854	3,325	1,306	1,759	104	96	52,260
December	29,093	4,965	1,574	1,892	2,714	1,234	1,773	98	86	51,679
January	33,675	3,588	2,922	588	2,141	1,131	697	49	25	52,241
February	28,590	8,632	7,988	923	3,546	1,294	1,219	63	85	61,110
March	38,899	8,727	1,826	700	2,175	1,619	2,488	48	160	66,781
April	27,804	7,314	1,705	702	2,009	1,117	1,385	241	793	50,120
May	42,448	13,417	2,160	911	2,559	1,661	2,287	548	1,126	77,782
June	22,367	6,477	1,390	384	2,973	1,302	1,386	435	841	47,595
1950-51†—										
July	27,301	* 6,097	* 347	406	* 2,720	1,261	1,144	933	239	49,144
August	13,056	7,727	508	2,120	1,772	2,125	1,021	335	288	38,447
September	16,427	10,790	772	2,101	2,858	2,030	2,105	386	114	46,478
October.. ..	53,874	10,791	1,461	1,620	2,688	2,367	2,014	389	258	86,664
November	66,352	9,420	1,823	1,730	2,088	1,935	2,123	178	124	95,962
December	51,082	5,828	3,139	1,700	1,741	1,716	331	117	59	72,129
January	70,677	9,883	2,255	1,315	2,063	1,855	1,346	63	87	99,421
February	54,322	8,138	3,765	1,958	2,993	2,885	705	45	106	84,951
March	69,735	8,371	1,299	887	2,137	2,232	563	46	335	94,832
April	101,866	8,641	1,012	368	2,679	3,414	2,926	505	1,171	136,177
May	65,627	10,557	642	375	3,563	3,202	1,994	726	1,671	99,741
June	45,194	11,077	420	261	3,165	2,316	4,282	967	1,286	79,866
1951-52†—										
July	27,095	10,704	242	1,263	3,849	1,792	1,524	995	362	59,790

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 exports £1,103,000).

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constituted about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate	(e)											
	(f)											
1936-37	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1944-45	117	154	147	129	122	172	128	151	147	120	130	130
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	213	137	161	152	122	148	146
1946-47	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	203
1947-48	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51	†999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	†690	†654
1949-50—												
July ..	(g) 339	362	250	330	186	345	172	511	443	122	319	305
August ..	(g) 347	367	250	370	186	345	172	511	446	122	327	313
September ..	339	377	250	388	186	345	172	511	451	144	326	314
October ..	392	378	250	454	200	345	172	363	466	176	357	345
November ..	419	382	250	441	200	345	172	363	482	176	370	357
December ..	456	394	250	427	200	345	172	363	499	176	390	375
January ..	562	395	250	432	200	394	172	363	500	176	444	425
February ..	536	409	250	435	200	394	172	363	499	176	434	416
March ..	524	420	250	411	200	394	185	363	498	176	429	411
April ..	(g) 554	443	250	417	200	394	185	363	490	176	448	429
May ..	611	441	250	456	200	394	185	363	490	176	478	457
June ..	592	435	250	494	200	394	185	363	486	176	471	450
1950-51—												
July ..	(g) 592	424	271	496	205	394	187	363	490	176	472	451
August ..	864	423	271	547	205	394	187	363	578	176	609	579
September ..	890	419	271	675	205	394	187	363	632	176	631	599
October ..	890	427	271	681	208	394	187	354	663	176	634	602
November ..	965	436	271	704	208	394	187	354	693	176	674	639
December ..	973	437	271	700	208	394	187	354	719	176	678	643
January ..	1,252	430	271	713	208	426	187	354	838	176	816	771
February ..	1,339	423	271	714	208	426	187	354	1,041	176	859	811
March ..	1,437	428	271	739	208	426	303	354	1,010	176	912	860
April ..	†1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	†747	†708
May ..	†973	445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	†689	†653
June ..	†717	*447	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	*†562	*†535
1951-52—												
July ..	g†717	449	†291	842	†219	426	303	354	616	176	†570	†543

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.
calf skins.

(b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(c) Sultanas, lexias, currants.

(d) Cattle hides,

(e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable

(g) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 16 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year ended June—			Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1937	..	..	122	108	115	1950—July	592	333	451
1938	..	..	99	105	102	August	864	340	579
1939	..	..	79	87	83	September	890	355	599
						October	890	360	602
1944	..	..	117	118	117	November	965	366	639
1945	..	..	117	141	130	December	973	366	643
1946	..	..	117	171	146	1951—January	1,252	368	771
1947	..	..	173	228	203	February	1,339	369	811
1948	..	..	287	280	283	March	1,437	377	860
1949	..	..	365	305	332	April	†1,094	384	†708
1950	..	..	473	308	383	May	†973	385	†653
1951	..	..	†999	365	†654	June	†717	383	†535

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.		1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.	
	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.
July	84	91	119	156	†116	†119	84	91	119	156	†116	†119
August	87	92	119	182			86	92	119	168		
September	92	94	117	174			88	92	118	170		
October	96	110	114	184			90	97	117	175		
November	97	108	117	196			91	100	117	181		
December	101	110	115	182			93	102	117	181		
January	104	130	112	196			94	106	116	184		
February	105	119	109	192			96	108	*115	185		
March	104	119	113	226			97	110	115	191		
April	113	145	113	*†174			98	112	115	*†189		
May	116	159	112	†145			100	118	114	*†183		
June	115	149	*114	†119			101	120	114	*†178		

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The price quotations used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	231	256	(b) 242	(b) 246
1949-50—											
October ..	209	173	367	180	125	208	201	188	209	188	194
November ..	209	189	386	180	134	208	207	192	217	191	199
December ..	214	189	424	194	142	208	213	197	221	198	204
January ..	218	189	494	199	145	241	225	193	232	197	207
February ..	218	190	490	199	146	241	225	199	237	200	211
March ..	218	190	480	200	151	243	225	199	236	201	211
April ..	219	190	498	200	154	244	227	218	236	216	222
May ..	219	190	535	200	169	244	229	214	235	215	221
June ..	219	190	525	201	183	245	230	217	238	217	223
1950-51—											
July ..	222	190	(b) 530	230	177	245	(b) 234	214	236	(b) 218	(b) 223
August (b)	224	190	558	232	191	245	237	220	240	222	227
September (b)	227	190	543	236	220	245	239	220	242	222	228
October (b)	238	190	544	236	275	246	245	221	247	225	232
November (b)	246	190	588	236	305	254	253	225	250	232	237
December (b)	256	190	596	239	338	255	258	220	255	230	237
January (b)	258	190	772	240	338	262	271	220	256	238	243
February (b)	266	195	836	251	347	279	283	223	264	248	253
March (b)	280	202	907	252	362	280	294	245	269	267	268
April (b)	280	208	703	252	329	296	286	240	268	258	261
May (b)	289	208	634	252	322	296	285	251	268	266	266
June (b)	289	208	479	254	304	311	278	276	272	279	277

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Aus- tralia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Common- wealth Statist- tician.	Dominion Statistician. (a)	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Govern- ment Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Econo- mist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1944-45 ..	141	128	322	240	154	155	177	164	157	129
1945-46 ..	141	132	534	244	157	159	171	167	161	133
1946-47 ..	143	*144	889	278	156	164	174	178	181	171
1947-48 ..	159	*175	1,451	(b)328	173	174	187	203	205	197
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	379	180	186	196	218	218	199
1949-50 ..	205	*195	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	188
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216		288	283	
1949-50— June ..	223	*204	(c) 103	396	199	205	202	251	251	193
1950-51— July ..	223	*207	106	405	200	206	203	254	254	200
August ..	227	211	107	409	200	206	204	258	258	204
September ..	228	217	112	413	201	208	206	266	268	208
October ..	232	215	113	411	202	208	208	273	274	208
November ..	237	217	117	411	203	211	221	282	279	211
December ..	237	220	120	413	204	214	229	286	282	215
January ..	243	227	123	414	208	216	*242	293	290	221
February ..	253	233	130	423	214	218	248	299	295	226
March ..	268	236	134	439	217	221	259	306	298	226
April ..	261	236	*140	458	220	224		312	300	225
May ..	266	236	141	457	224	230		312	302	225
June ..	277	237	138	456	226	233		314	299	

(a) New series. Recomputed to the base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100. (b) " Sensitive Series " prior to July, 1947 : Thereafter " General Purpose Series ", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100. (c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100.
(d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction-room price of wool, see note (b) immediately below.

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 18 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns marked (b) on page 18 are affected, and only these are shown below.

Period.	Textiles.	Total Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1950-51—				
August ..	737	247	229	232
September ..	752	250	230	234
October ..	753	257	233	237
November ..	797	265	240	243
December ..	805	270	238	243
January ..	996	283	246	249
February ..	1,060	296	257	259
March ..	1,131	307	276	273
April ..	927	299	267	267
May ..	848	297	274	272
June ..	688	290	287	282

For meaning of symbols *, — see page 1.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1944-45 ..	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46 ..	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1949-50—										
July ..	1,553	1,444	866	1,194	1,701	1,324	1,292	1,593	1,277	1,448
August ..	1,594	1,524	879	1,266	1,734	1,368	1,349	1,629	1,301	1,479
September	1,632	1,539	890	1,264	1,766	1,392	1,370	1,665	1,305	1,500
October	1,683	1,541	885	1,286	1,799	1,421	1,410	1,691	1,321	1,521
November	1,720	1,567	894	1,312	1,839	1,449	1,430	1,709	1,347	1,543
December	1,755	1,572	892	1,328	1,855	1,468	1,448	1,705	1,357	1,545
January ..	1,791	1,632	896	1,346	1,909	1,502	1,486	1,755	1,394	1,590
February	1,815	1,654	901	1,378	1,988	1,532	1,495	1,793	1,415	1,619
March ..	1,869	1,677	897	1,394	2,034	1,576	1,511	1,803	1,410	1,622
April ..	1,909	1,690	890	1,450	2,122	1,616	1,557	1,835	1,431	1,649
May ..	1,915	1,698	877	1,507	2,143	1,620	1,572	1,879	1,441	1,678
June ..	1,916	1,696	876	1,564	2,151	1,621	1,574	1,892	1,439	1,683
1950-51—										
July ..	1,872	1,708	868	1,513	2,159	1,597	1,545	1,887	1,457	1,690
August ..	1,929	1,723	894	1,616	2,222	1,640	1,605	1,909	1,500	1,721
September	2,011	1,758	887	1,749	2,244	1,692	1,642	1,965	1,551	1,775
October	2,059	1,801	883	1,718	2,279	1,724	1,699	1,990	1,571	1,798
November	2,247	1,905	927	1,922	2,510	1,849	1,776	2,059	1,597	1,847
December	2,247	1,899	929	1,921	2,549	1,849	1,769	2,080	1,622	1,870
January ..	2,331	1,995	938	2,120	2,538	1,916	1,847	2,126	1,685	1,923
February	2,333	2,025	946	2,132	2,598	1,929	1,833	2,209	1,734	1,991
March ..	2,363	2,050	952	2,100	2,605	1,935	1,817	2,247	1,683	1,989
April ..	2,443	2,092	970	2,130	2,639	1,967	1,863	2,231	1,673	1,975
May ..	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907	2,279	1,698	2,012
June ..	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889	2,320	1,709	2,040
1951-52—										
July ..	2,510	2,093	940	1,979	2,891	2,005	1,859			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.			Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.		
			Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent (" B " Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous (" C " Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	" Real " Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37	..	..	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	..	..	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	..	..	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1944-45	..	..	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333	1,050
1945-46	..	..	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1946-47	..	..	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48	..	..	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565	1,123
1948-49	..	..	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50	..	..	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51	..	..	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1948-49—										
April	..	..	1,582	} 1,059	1,374	2,400	1,381	1,582	1,818	1,149
May	..	..	1,589							
June	..	..	1,594							
1949-50—										
July	..	..	1,589	} 1,060	1,381	2,498	1,402	1,610	1,857	1,153
August	..	..	1,597							
September	..	..	1,605							
October	..	..	1,604	} 1,062	1,404	2,606	1,436	1,653	1,891	1,144
November	..	..	1,632							
December	..	..	1,670							
January	..	..	1,669	} 1,063	1,434	2,636	1,461	1,682	1,927	1,146
February	..	..	1,684							
March	..	..	1,703							
April	..	..	1,735	} 1,065	1,466	2,764	1,473	1,730	1,976	1,142
May	..	..	1,741							
June	..	..	1,743							
1950-51—										
July	..	..	1,764	} 1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143
August	..	..	1,788							
September	..	..	1,876							
October	..	..	1,903	} 1,068	1,583	2,946	1,555	1,853	2,291	1,236
November	..	..	1,931							
December	..	..	1,963							
January	..	..	2,009	} 1,084	1,659	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225
February	..	..	2,050							
March	..	..	2,085							
April	..	..	} 2,203	1,087	1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213
May	..	..						
June	..	..						

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
<i>1950 : June Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,764	1,739	1,631	1,683	1,711	1,693	1,730
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,999	1,971	1,973	1,920	1,992	1,891	1,976
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,133	1,133	1,210	1,141	1,164	1,117	1,142
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	138/-	137/-	129/-	131/-	133/-	131/-	135/-
State " " " (b)	138/-	(c)	(d) 133/-	(b) 131/-	(d) 140/-	(c)	..
<i>1950 : September Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,819	1,769	1,671	1,722	1,745	1,745	1,773
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,057	2,015	2,009	1,973	2,044	1,946	2,026
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,131	1,139	1,202	1,146	1,171	1,115	1,143
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	142/-	140/-	132/-	134/-	136/-	135/-	138/-
State " " " (b)	142/-	(c)	(e) 136/-	(b) 134/-	(e) 143/6	(c)	..
<i>1950 : December Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,895	1,856	1,744	1,813	1,812	1,806	1,853
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,336	2,279	2,229	2,235	2,322	2,226	2,291
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,233	1,228	1,278	1,233	1,281	1,233	1,236
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	146/-	143/-	135/-	137/-	139/-	139/-	142/-
" " " (f)	165/-	162/-	154/-	158/-	160/-	160/-	162/-
State " " " (b)	146/-	(c)	(g) 139/-	(b) 137/-	(h) 146/6	(c)	..
" " " (f)	165/-	(c)	(i) 154/-	(j) 158/-	(k) 166/6	(c)	..
<i>1951 : March Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,972	1,938	1,818	1,869	1,931	1,890	1,932
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,416	2,363	2,290	2,314	2,388	2,271	2,367
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,225	1,219	1,260	1,238	1,237	1,202	1,225
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	173/-	170/-	159/-	166/-	166/-	165/-	169/-
State " " " (b)	173/-	(c)	(l) 159/-	(b) 166/-	(m) 172/11	(c)	..
<i>1951 : June Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,115	2,074	1,915	2,019	2,060	2,042	2,067
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,549	2,483	2,466	2,434	2,548	2,499	2,507
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,205	1,197	1,288	1,206	1,237	1,224	1,213
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	180/-	177/-	166/-	171/-	176/-	173/-	176/-
State " " " (b)	180/-	(c)	(n) 166/-	(b) 171/-	(n) 184/3	(c)	..
<i>1951 : September Quarter—</i>							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	193/-	189/-	175/-	184/-	188/-	187/-	189/-
State " " " (b)	193/-	(c)	(o) 175/-	(b) 184/-	(p) 196/8	(c)	..

(a) Weighted Average Six Capitals or Six States. Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 1st May. (e) Payable as from 31st July. (f) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in December, 1950. (g) Payable as from 30th October. (h) Payable as from 23rd October. (i) Payable as from 7th December. (j) Payable as from 4th December. (k) Payable as from 18th December. (l) Payable as from 5th February. (m) Payable as from 29th January. (n) Payable as from 30th April. (o) Payable as from 30th July. (p) Payable as from 23rd July.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.			Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	..	..	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38	..	..	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	..	..	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1944-45	..	..	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46	..	..	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47	..	..	1,810	1,786	1,313	1,705	1,752	1,234	1,697
1947-48	..	..	2,430	2,483	1,477	2,276	2,385	1,234	2,257
1948-49	..	..	2,165	2,954	1,807	2,464	3,060	1,234	2,481
1949-50†	..	..	2,552	3,713	1,915	2,971	3,724	1,393	2,991
1950-51†	..	..	2,645	7,079	2,022	4,581	4,220	1,776	4,476
1950-51†—									
July	..	..	2,503	4,577	1,993	3,368	3,881	1,776	3,359
August	..	..	2,510	6,218	2,005	4,132	4,069	1,776	4,039
September	..	..	2,537	6,382	1,950	4,207	4,543	1,776	4,101
October	..	..	2,558	6,379	1,947	4,213	5,036	1,776	4,106
November	..	..	2,572	6,829	1,953	4,427	5,121	1,776	4,307
December	..	..	2,559	6,813	1,962	4,417	5,305	1,776	4,300
January	..	..	2,593	8,404	1,955	5,164	5,575	1,776	4,965
February	..	..	2,617	8,941	1,988	5,427	5,576	1,776	5,215
March	..	..	2,688	9,757	2,084	5,847	5,727	1,776	5,628
April	..	..	2,725	7,722	2,084	4,918	5,853	1,776	4,843
May	..	..	2,834	7,061	2,165	4,666	6,013	1,776	4,626
June	..	..	3,044	5,866	2,182	4,189	5,999	1,776	4,218

(a) Year ended previous December.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities): "C" Series Index. (b)	Security Prices: New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.		
1936-37	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1944-45	1,399	1,297	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	1,404	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	1,697	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	2,257	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,393	1,450
1948-49	2,481	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50 (c)	2,991	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51 (c)	4,476	6,544	2,555	(d) 2,422	(d) 2,461	1,906	1,845
1949-50—	(c)						
July	2,622	3,055	2,057	1,850	1,911	1,610	1,324
August	2,643	3,126	2,066	1,850	1,913		1,368
September	2,621	3,135	2,040	1,855	1,909		1,392
October	2,729	3,449	2,086	1,877	1,938	1,653	1,421
November	2,810	3,568	2,171	1,913	1,988		1,449
December	2,936	3,753	2,208	1,975	2,043		1,468
January	3,148	4,251	2,322	1,972	2,074	1,682	1,502
February	3,122	4,157	2,369	2,001	2,109		1,532
March	3,116	4,110	2,355	2,006	2,109		1,576
April	3,320	4,289	2,364	2,164	2,222	1,730	1,616
May	3,421	4,572	2,354	2,149	2,208		1,620
June	3,406	4,500	2,377	2,169	2,229		1,621
1950-51—	(c)						
July	3,359	4,510	2,359	2,178	2,231	1,773	1,597
August	4,039	5,787	2,403	(d) 2,218	(d) 2,273		1,640
September	4,101	5,993	2,422	2,223	2,282		1,692
October	4,106	6,018	2,468	2,255	2,317	1,853	1,724
November	4,307	6,395	2,503	2,322	2,374		1,849
December	4,300	6,430	2,547	2,302	2,374		1,849
January	4,965	7,715	2,558	2,377	2,430	1,932	1,916
February	5,215	8,114	2,640	2,485	2,529		1,929
March	5,628	8,604	2,688	2,673	2,677		1,935
April	4,843	†7,076	2,675	2,584	2,611	2,067	1,967
May	4,626	†6,534	2,683	2,658	2,664		2,020
June	4,218	*†5,349	2,715	2,794	2,770		2,025
1951-52—							
July		†5,429					2,005

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

(c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 23.

(d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 19.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 27.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Averages.								
1936-37 (a)	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a)	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a)	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1944-45 (a)	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46 (a)	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
Monthly Totals.								
1948-49—								
June ..	2,762	4,883	121	479	2,883	5,362	560	5,922
1949-50—								
July ..	2,512	4,282	81	294	2,593	4,576	450	5,026
August ..	2,828	5,186	102	347	2,930	5,533	868	6,401
September ..	3,004	5,661	121	531	3,125	6,192	944	7,136
October ..	2,932	5,348	99	342	3,031	5,690	817	6,507
November ..	3,001	5,723	104	334	3,105	6,057	771	6,828
December ..	2,167	4,086	93	374	2,260	4,460	641	5,101
January ..	2,873	5,246	68	263	2,941	5,509	712	6,221
February ..	3,374	6,390	125	639	3,499	7,029	982	8,011
March ..	3,446	6,774	136	499	3,582	7,273	1,084	8,357
April ..	2,829	5,470	120	539	2,949	6,009	707	6,716
May ..	3,935	7,808	178	780	4,113	8,588	1,455	10,043
June ..	3,635	7,266	132	571	3,767	7,837	1,361	9,198
1950-51—								
July ..	3,603	7,388	154	565	3,757	7,953	1,164	9,117
August ..	4,067	8,108	157	643	4,224	8,751	1,275	10,026
September ..	3,575	7,145	151	1,002	3,726	8,147	1,455	9,602
October ..	3,579	7,529	159	875	3,738	8,404	1,396	9,800
November ..	3,617	7,792	171	1,510	3,788	9,302	1,481	10,783
December ..	2,551	5,386	105	1,161	2,656	6,547	822	7,369
January ..	3,293	7,223	150	1,129	3,443	8,352	1,247	9,599
February ..	3,486	8,023	128	632	3,614	8,655	1,440	10,095
March ..	3,337	8,156	153	758	3,490	8,914	1,953	10,867
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942
June ..	3,801	9,198	140	707	3,941	9,905	1,928	11,833

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37 .. ..	..	(c)1,986	(d)627	..	848	416	..	667	62
1937-38 .. ..	..	(c)2,307	(d)764	..	1,093	506	..	669	78
1938-39	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1944-45	1,024	(c) 520	207	426	183	122	291	132	10
1945-46	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48	2,003	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49	1,986	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50	2,743	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51 .. ..	..	10,426	..	2,005	3,610	4,519	..	3,187	270
1948-49— June Qtr. ..	1,857	6,144	4,178	740	2,207	2,667	656	2,200	249
1949-50— September Qtr. ..	2,645	6,188	4,079	989	2,227	2,554	994	2,039	196
December „ ..	2,695	6,145	4,689	842	2,381	3,104	1,050	1,881	202
March „ ..	2,504	7,529	5,182	798	2,726	3,254	1,057	2,369	214
June „ ..	3,128	8,652	5,500	1,310	3,165	3,491	1,169	2,583	256
1950-51— September Qtr. ..	3,960	9,582	6,297	2,020	3,183	4,082	1,133	2,948	308
December „ ..	4,544	9,317	6,150	2,078	3,331	4,141	1,558	2,958	219
March „ ..	4,535	10,187	6,832	2,071	3,732	4,718	1,503	2,986	225
June „ ..	..	12,618	..	1,850	*4,194	5,133	..	3,855	329
Monthly Totals.									
1950-51— May .. ..	..	12,942	..	..	5,306	5,481	..	3,630	..
June .. ..	..	11,833	..	..	3,201	4,906	..	3,532	..
1951-52— July .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,672	..	..	3,763	..

(a) See note (a) on page 27. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 27. (f) See A, below and C, page 27. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids

For meaning of symbols .., —, * see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

1936-37

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.			
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.	
Monthly Averages.													
1936-37 ..	..	153	98	..	118	32	..	168	..	..	32	19
1937-38 ..	..	167	114	..	173	48	..	174	..	..	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	..	20	32	16	
1944-45 ..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13	7	
1945-46 ..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25	16	
1946-47 ..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100	(e)144	
1947-48 ..	141	557	(f)692	128	418	91	113	238	60	32	119	197	
1948-49 ..	116	610	721	99	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266	
1949-50 ..	198	827	868	209	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378	
1950-51 ..		1,106		201	1,174	198		1,027	274	113	322	468	
1948-49— June Qtr.	126	644	721	122	610	158	153	281	68	60	202	315	
1949-50— September Qtr.	191	870	823	241	509	150	200	320	87	30	223	269	
December ..	242	695	833	237	599	147	222	396	82	102	193	321	
March ..	112	778	851	153	864	192	206	557	120	178	235	551	
June ..	245	964	965	207	936	265	161	723	154	36	281	369	
1950-51— September Qtr.	166	1,008	998	323	1,171	200	239	922	239	79	350	470	
December ..	372	983	955	100	914	185	267	830	221	169	301	429	
March ..	382	1,294	1,094	*172	1,008	152	323	931	261	84	236	382	
June ..		1,140		209	1,604	255		1,426	376	122	399	592	
Monthly Totals.													
1950-51— May ..	..	805	1,280	..	1,326	..	..	1,515	387	..	360	689
June ..	..	1,424		..	2,066	..	..	1,291	404	..	319	612
1951-52— July ..	..			..		..	..			..

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids

For meaning of symbols .., —, * see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.
1945-46 .. ..	..	..	..	14,458	7,033	21,491	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47	54,959	16,591	71,550	35,694	6,315	42,009	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48	70,551	20,553	91,104	53,227	9,555	62,782	65,459	33,588	99,047
1948-49	87,498	27,690	115,188	73,324	15,726	89,050	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50	112,344	31,928	144,272	89,771	21,005	110,776	115,347	60,992	176,339
1948-49—March Qtr.	21,804	6,615	28,419	16,895	4,025	20,920	79,561	44,495	124,056
June ..	23,052	8,471	31,523	19,269	4,396	23,665	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,213	6,868	30,081	20,734	3,669	24,403	88,995	50,143	139,138
Dec. ..	27,949	7,009	34,958	24,555	5,465	30,020	96,286	54,016	150,302
March ..	29,350	9,958	39,308	19,704	5,599	25,303	105,423	57,894	163,317
June ..	31,832	8,093	39,925	24,778	6,272	31,050	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	36,857	11,614	48,471	27,986	6,000	33,986	127,267	67,976	195,243
Dec. ..	38,662	13,731	52,393	33,291	6,038	39,329	135,266	77,204	212,470
March ..	38,295	14,273	52,568	28,851	5,322	34,173	151,075	83,406	234,481

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945-46	9,305	5,471	3,320	1,682	974	627	112	21,491
1946-47	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
1947-48	24,305	17,891	10,390	4,080	3,328	2,279	509	62,782
1948-49	33,737	27,357	12,199	6,483	4,707	3,810	757	89,050
1949-50	40,920	34,673	13,953	9,074	5,352	5,342	1,462	110,776
1948-49—March Qtr.	7,578	6,563	3,042	1,620	1,064	919	134	20,920
June ..	9,107	7,115	3,023	1,796	1,257	1,049	318	23,665
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403
Dec. ..	11,795	9,436	3,453	2,461	1,405	1,185	285	30,020
March ..	9,467	7,761	3,409	2,061	1,125	1,311	169	25,303
June ..	10,620	9,876	3,912	2,796	1,507	1,556	783	31,050
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	11,168	11,412	4,056	2,896	1,891	2,178	385	33,986
Dec. ..	13,157	13,680	4,510	3,172	2,483	1,820	507	39,329
March ..	11,372	11,804	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	238	34,173

For meaning of symbol ... see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
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COMMENCED.

1946-47	17,720	12,981	8,925	3,269	2,405	1,642	323	47,265
1947-48	19,807	14,878	9,528	3,580	3,075	2,062	393	53,323
1948-49	21,291	15,487	9,361	4,561	3,843	2,849	534	57,926
1949-50	22,055	21,035	10,009	6,109	5,031	3,664	389	68,292
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	4,818	3,976	2,309	1,223	928	778	197	14,229
June ..	5,461	3,680	2,467	1,194	891	829	142	14,664
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	5,198	4,225	2,575	1,159	1,078	851	85	15,171
Dec. ..	5,875	5,444	2,379	1,407	1,208	926	109	17,348
Mar. ..	5,933	5,339	2,367	1,578	1,240	854	94	17,405
June ..	5,049	6,027	2,688	1,965	1,505	1,033	101	18,368
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	6,136	6,731	2,746	2,194	1,616	968	122	20,513
Dec. ..	6,058	6,936	2,408	1,948	1,597	1,037	163	20,147
Mar. ..	5,793	5,821	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,160

COMPLETED.

1945-46 .. .	5,596	3,666	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
1946-47	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,070	149	32,607
1947-48	14,858	11,846	9,204	3,009	2,771	1,544	271	43,503
1948-49	17,864	14,278	9,354	3,989	3,244	2,287	323	51,339
1949-50	18,766	15,603	9,447	4,904	3,509	2,852	404	55,485
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	3,769	3,263	2,180	951	716	589	79	11,547
June ..	4,597	3,432	2,288	1,113	798	589	76	12,893
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	4,657	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224
Dec. ..	5,253	4,503	2,465	1,310	922	655	111	15,219
Mar. ..	4,123	3,153	2,222	1,097	727	772	75	12,169
June ..	4,733	4,253	2,531	1,410	1,006	805	135	14,873
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	4,775	4,930	2,525	1,624	1,149	1,038	176	16,217
Dec. ..	5,688	5,763	2,744	1,897	1,481	870	181	18,624
Mar. ..	4,417	4,654	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,123

UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

1945-46	9,200	6,135	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,401
1946-47	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
1947-48	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
1948-49	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1948-49—Mar. Qtr.	22,249	15,673	3,779	3,802	2,347	2,346	626	50,822
June ..	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,654	16,452	4,304	4,051	2,663	2,804	697	54,625
Dec. ..	24,276	17,393	4,218	4,156	2,949	3,073	694	56,759
Mar. ..	26,086	19,579	4,363	4,653	3,458	3,148	712	61,999
June ..	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51—Sept. Qtr.	27,763	23,154	4,741	5,809	4,421	3,280	624	69,792
Dec. ..	28,133	24,327	4,405	5,892	4,537	3,447	606	71,347
Mar. ..	29,509	25,494	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	75,399

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.					
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.		Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel. (a)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined (b)	Gold, Refined.
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Million cubic feet.	Million kwh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37 ..	..	..	*977	258	1,679	331	76.1	89.4	5,840	17,562	1,280	108.2
1937-38 ..	..	..	*990	300	1,746	363	77.5	96.5	5,810	18,797	1,437	123.3
1938-39 ..	..	..	*1,051	304	1,789	391	92.1	97.4	5,819	19,416	1,457	134.2
1944-45 ..	..	..	*1,137	437	2,617	570	93.1	112.1	6,612	12,933	1,683	54.4
1945-46 ..	..	..	*1,052	461	2,663	576	75.5	87.9	6,705	12,590	1,774	57.4
1946-47 ..	..	..	*1,178	490	2,784	627	95.3	109.3	5,859	14,693	1,812	76.6
1947-48 ..	..	..	*(c)1,231	535	3,025	697	103.0	111.9	6,283	14,497	1,290	75.3
1948-49 ..	*1,093	*183	*(c)1,276	586	3,061	754	87.1	98.0	6,889	17,017	934	77.7
1949-50 ..	†1,039	†204	*†c 1,243	†635	2,892	791	*91.5	101.1	6,991	†15,925	†980	†71.8
1950-51 ..			†(c)1,368	†607			110.4	117.7	6,475	15,715		†72.6
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—	†(c)	†(c)	†(c)				*					
July ..	57	71	128	702	1,822	625	17.2	—	6,781	4,870	223	64.7
August ..	847	284	1,131	708	2,291	735	40.7	46.7	6,160	5,966	539	70.3
September ..	1,371	219	1,590	630	3,242	799	109.7	136.2	6,730	18,514	1,162	74.5
October ..	1,278	209	1,487	643	3,184	798	117.9	130.8	7,210	18,277	889	77.1
November ..	1,394	283	1,677	611	3,019	794	125.6	130.1	7,028	17,137	780	81.5
December ..	875	183	1,058	516	2,917	765	120.1	133.9	7,328	19,357	360	72.8
				†					†	†	†	
January ..	855	170	1,025	572	2,727	751	117.3	118.3	7,306	18,410	423	65.8
February ..	1,093	174	1,267	586	2,689	757	101.8	114.6	6,626	17,451	1,549	65.0
March ..	1,221	220	1,441	665	3,013	841	90.5	112.3	7,416	17,225	1,945	66.4
April ..	1,002	197	1,199	637	3,040	790	86.5	105.5	7,239	17,836	567	62.7
May ..	1,328	274	1,602	676	3,430	914	99.6	114.4	7,513	18,725	2,075	68.3
June ..	1,134	167	1,301	676	3,334	918	115.1	122.0	6,560	18,085	1,247	96.4
1950-51—							†	†	†			
July ..	1,194	185	1,379	717	3,333	947	103.0	104.3	7,503	17,076	529	64.4
August ..	1,334	271	1,605	704	3,471	944	120.6	125.1	7,498	17,359	744	72.1
September ..	1,238	249	1,487	619	3,293	876	122.2	135.9	7,244	16,042	1,329	73.8
October ..	*1,295	*234	*1,529	563	3,246	873	138.3	133.0	7,098	16,294	1,297	79.6
November ..	*1,318	*201	*1,519	442	3,098	838	118.8	131.2	5,977	9,364	1,310	79.3
December ..	*966	*209	1,175	441	2,933	802	107.4	118.1	5,689	16,128	533	67.3
January ..	625	179	804	569	2,828	812	86.8	92.9	6,702	16,041	474	67.6
February ..	933	220	1,153	557	2,577	796	86.8	97.5	6,484	14,388	520	67.9
March ..	*1,065	247	*1,312	640	2,856	845	99.4	107.3	6,222	15,814	846	69.5
April ..	1,165	278	1,443	629	3,129	866	115.5	129.2	5,720	16,696	598	*69.3
May ..	*1,195	*329	*1,524	704	3,497	919	111.6	116.0	5,873	17,273	2,050	*100.6
June ..			†1,485	698			107.0	114.9	5,688	16,108		*59.9
1951-52—												
July ..							106.7					69.9

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales. (b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Source : Joint Coal Board.

For meaning of symbols .., —, *, † see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Paints.		Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Ready Mixed Paint.	Lacquers and Enamels.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.										
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.													
1936-37..	53,068	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	161	..	..	..	..	..
1937-38..	57,403	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	170	98.7	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39..	60,046	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	176	95.9	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1944-45..	12,615	767	34	1,205	70.2	57.8	202	268	111.8	3,146	1,487	774	1,742
1945-46..	25,437	1,961	203	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	264	133.7	3,864	1,839	(e)688	3,384
1946-47..	41,441	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	233	156.9	3,629	2,264	894	5,711
1947-48..	48,156	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	291	189.5	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362
1948-49..	51,449	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	308	212.2	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,173
1949-50†	48,825	3,640	3,244	1,583	101.6	96.6	1,014	339	259.8	5,154	3,878	2,765	12,737
1950-51†						102.2		441	286.2	6,100	4,640	3,741	15,620
Monthly Totals.													
1949-50†—					(f)		(f)						
July ..	24,179	1,847	1,934	406	102.6	26.1	761	191	147.1	2,797	1,620	759	5,347
Aug. ..	36,387	2,765	1,930	1,048	104.3	63.8	872	301	195.2	4,412	2,811	1,333	7,877
Sept. ..	56,362	4,086	3,148	1,766	111.0	118.7	1,084	389	286.4	5,461	4,582	2,878	15,058
Oct. ..	53,139	4,131	3,315	1,954	105.4	113.5	1,049	364	261.8	5,329	4,393	2,771	15,221
Nov. ..	59,129	4,516	3,498	1,906	112.3	108.6	1,114	397	293.0	5,796	4,459	3,734	16,857
Dec. ..	47,091	3,674	2,944	1,521	99.4	94.9	880	329	213.1	5,175	3,896	2,793	15,480
Jan. ..	40,084	3,084	2,951	1,323	80.9	84.2	818	241	199.8	3,859	2,742	2,190	10,513
Feb. ..	51,417	4,132	3,728	1,830	96.6	103.6	1,054	376	274.7	5,397	4,319	2,920	12,985
Mar. ..	59,880	4,195	3,928	1,878	102.6	115.9	1,156	428	349.7	6,321	4,858	3,549	15,209
April ..	46,491	3,451	3,550	1,690	93.4	97.8	1,004	321	253.6	5,100	3,814	2,653	10,256
May ..	60,671	4,344	4,136	1,951	107.7	120.2	1,228	371	332.6	6,470	4,967	3,845	14,949
June ..	51,064	3,451	3,866	1,724	103.6	111.5	1,151	358	310.9	5,730	4,076	3,754	13,094
1950-51†—													
July ..	51,104	3,470	3,917	1,775	96.1	99.6	1,109	367	283.0	6,273	4,186	3,057	13,772
Aug. ..	61,198	3,843	4,231	1,855	96.3	104.8	1,169	421	300.9	6,894	4,486	4,143	16,084
Sept. ..	57,820	3,955	4,232	2,070	107.6	112.9	1,160	432	290.0	6,546	4,339	3,817	15,284
Oct. ..	58,363	4,244	4,220	1,892	114.5	115.3	1,143	492	295.9	6,039	4,509	3,920	16,697
Nov. ..	60,333	4,416	4,067	1,990	95.1	111.8	1,130	505	323.7	6,195	5,270	4,227	18,452
Dec. ..	45,125	3,124	3,062	1,168	95.2	80.7	782	371	228.2	4,896	3,655	3,131	15,436
Jan. ..	42,244	3,034	3,017	1,351	89.3	66.7	853	310	214.9	4,442	2,978	2,729	12,220
Feb. ..	53,151	3,978	3,884	1,834	92.0	99.3	1,068	450	282.8	6,316	5,286	3,786	14,289
Mar. ..	53,445	3,894	3,914	1,692	99.2	102.3	1,036	479	286.7	6,124	*5,095	*4,454	15,193
April ..	56,765	*3,858	4,090	1,809		108.8	1,065	512	289.5	*6,128	5,064	3,649	14,381
May ..	61,278	4,035	4,655	2,050		119.4	1,110	473	338.0	7,070	6,179	4,175	17,597
June ..						104.9		484	301.0	6,282	4,630	3,799	18,025
1951-52†—													
July ..													19,688

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) Average of six months' production. (f) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols ..., †, *, — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Dress Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'.
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills.				
				Scoured Wool.(a)	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.		
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.
Monthly Averages.								
1936-37 .. ..	..	..	..	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6
1937-38 .. ..	..	..	..	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	69.9
1938-39 .. ..	..	..	..	8.8	2.71	2.59	1,164	56.2
1944-45 .. ..	..	..	..	13.6	4.55	2.98	1,388	55.5
1945-46 .. ..	..	..	..	12.8	3.97	2.90	1,170	52.8
1946-47 .. ..	..	2,117	..	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3
1947-48 .. ..	..	1,960	(b) 369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	66.7
1948-49 .. ..	..	2,133	(b) 475.5	13.5	4.23	3.38	1,287	69.6
1949-50† .. ..	..	2,485	(b) 543.9	12.9	4.02	3.25	1,279	63.3
1950-51† .. ..	..	3,022	863.4	11.5	3.79	3.27	1,391	72.6
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50†—								
July	833	849	149.3	8.2	2.93	2.14	1,016	46.5
August	1,963	2,030	369.2	11.9	4.18	3.09	1,377	65.7
September ..	2,639	2,790	573.2	13.5	4.54	3.75	1,417	69.8
October	2,325	2,604	448.6	13.0	4.41	3.58	1,370	70.6
November ..	3,133	3,057	498.1	15.1	4.77	3.75	1,443	85.7
December ..	1,958	2,171	357.8	12.2	3.28	2.73	1,063	65.8
January	1,670	1,960	410.1	10.5	2.84	2.42	864	36.9
February ..	3,877	2,823	555.7	13.5	4.06	3.30	1,264	61.8
March	3,004	2,786	776.8	14.7	4.58	3.87	1,426	70.6
April	2,311	2,312	561.3	11.7	3.70	3.03	1,177	54.2
May	3,333	3,258	750.6	14.7	4.59	3.87	1,500	67.1
June	2,774	2,756	805.4	15.3	4.39	3.41	1,429	64.8
1950-51†—								
July	3,166	2,816	672.5	13.5	3.98	3.31	1,386	67.7
August	3,433	3,004	730.3	13.2	4.25	3.68	1,536	79.7
September ..	3,021	2,776	970.4	10.9	4.20	3.44	1,479	73.2
October	3,023	2,812	920.9	11.4	4.16	3.60	1,583	81.2
November ..	3,535	3,028	921.4	12.2	4.39	3.60	1,538	92.9
December ..	2,291	1,898	692.3	10.1	2.89	2.47	1,062	65.6
January	2,378	1,768	772.8	8.8	2.77	2.53	1,001	42.2
February ..	3,044	2,415	865.7	10.1	3.43	3.10	1,345	74.6
March	2,734	2,415	973.1	11.4	3.60	3.15	1,329	70.6
April	2,971	2,635	938.3	11.7	3.63	3.39	1,386	66.6
May	3,595	2,790	971.4	12.2	4.04	3.50	1,542	81.9
June	3,076	2,727	931.1	12.4	4.11	3.42	1,491	75.4
1951-52†—								
July	3,444	3,214	1,168.6					

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

(b) Includes a small quantity of other pure rayon fabric.

For meaning of symbols . . . , †, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—*continued.*

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.								
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.			Knitted Outerwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's.	Boys' and Girls'.	Cardigans, Jumpers, Sweaters, etc.		
							Men's.	Women's.	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1	156.2			22.7		8.82
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0	183.6			22.8		9.51
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0	182.0			22.1		6.40
1944-45	123.8	88.0	40.1	202.1			23.6		9.17
1945-46	95.7	99.6	45.4	41.5	98.1	30.0	20.9		10.23
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	110.7	36.1	23.2		12.84
1947-48	105.4	130.6	59.8	52.3	118.2	40.9	29.9		13.02
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	117.9	36.4	32.4		15.01
1949-50†	107.5	134.6	46.5	71.3	122.8	57.0	12.3	15.4	10.53
1950-51†	128.9	155.6	49.2	68.2	131.3	61.9	13.9	17.8	13.26
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50†—									
July	93.9	106.5	40.0	53.8	100.7	36.2	9.9	12.4	7.61
August	113.9	139.9	48.2	71.3	116.4	56.2	11.6	15.3	9.89
September ..	111.2	135.9	49.1	79.0	130.7	60.2	12.8	15.0	9.47
October	110.3	134.7	50.3	76.4	123.8	53.9	12.3	15.4	10.70
November ..	123.1	152.2	53.9	96.7	142.7	60.5	12.7	16.6	13.54
December ..	83.5	107.8	38.8	65.8	105.3	45.7	9.5	12.9	9.87
January	70.4	89.0	26.4	50.5	88.5	38.2	9.0	11.6	7.36
February ..	106.7	129.0	46.9	67.0	125.4	61.7	12.1	15.7	11.47
March	114.0	167.6	49.9	84.6	153.3	76.5	15.3	18.0	13.83
April	94.8	122.0	45.5	56.8	117.8	56.2	13.1	15.5	11.05
May	134.7	172.9	58.8	79.5	145.4	66.8	16.1	18.0	11.79
June	133.8	157.4	49.8	74.0	124.0	71.3	12.8	19.3	9.71
1950-51†—									
July	116.7	150.7	50.2	69.9	130.2	60.6	12.2	18.9	12.02
August	142.7	170.1	62.1	78.2	126.5	75.2	13.3	19.9	12.03
September ..	130.5	160.6	52.8	67.3	134.3	68.7	14.3	16.6	12.51
October	146.4	172.4	58.0	71.3	141.0	69.2	14.3	21.4	12.57
November ..	142.7	171.6	55.0	73.6	154.4	69.7	15.7	20.5	15.60
December ..	105.6	124.3	38.3	54.0	119.3	45.4	10.4	13.3	13.06
January	89.5	99.7	32.1	49.7	90.1	38.4	10.1	11.3	11.45
February ..	124.1	158.0	45.6	62.8	127.4	60.1	14.1	16.5	14.47
March	118.4	151.4	48.8	60.0	122.1	59.0	15.0	16.3	13.09
April	142.1	161.1	46.5	70.4	141.8	57.5	15.8	17.5	13.02
May	149.1	174.3	52.2	80.2	147.3	72.5	17.0	22.0	17.72
June	138.6	173.6	48.7	80.5	140.8	65.9	14.2	19.6	11.63
1951-52†—									
July	150.3	183.1	53.9						

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)						Beer.
			Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Milk Products. (b)	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham. (c)	Total. (d)	
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37..	102.4	27.0	13,908	1,636	(e) 2,404	45,939	16,666	9,937	3,601	2,741	79.6	6,261
1937-38..	104.2	28.9	15,242	2,018	(e) 2,620	49,733	17,196	9,915	3,234	2,617	84.0	7,084
1938-39..	114.4	28.2	16,232	2,415	(e) 2,475	46,601	17,146	9,545	3,086	2,770	80.5	7,523
1944-45..	117.7	37.0	11,431	2,872	6,226	38,426	21,435	11,514	3,549	4,687	82.0	8,613
1945-46..	101.6	35.7	12,131	3,414	6,606	33,887	16,482	7,738	2,927	4,049	67.1	9,033
1946-47..	124.1	35.2	11,568	3,518	6,667	40,647	15,214	10,002	2,502	3,972	73.8	10,657
1947-48..	133.2	36.3	13,132	3,453	7,691	46,833	13,802	10,804	2,280	3,826	78.9	10,561
1948-49..	141.6	35.7	13,424	3,596	8,330	48,111	15,106	11,593	3,103	3,465	82.6	12,171
1949-50..	†125.3	35.9	†14,036	†3,735	†8,882	50,544	17,153	12,691	*2,913	*3,384	*87.9	13,001
1950-51†	140.8	37.9	*13,321	*3,713	8,375							14,452
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—	†		†	†	†				*	*	*	
July ..	115.9	23.9	7,392	1,997	4,384	60,449	13,178	9,651	2,886	3,237	90.6	6,335
Aug. ..	126.1	28.2	10,168	3,109	6,351	58,033	14,870	11,535	2,850	3,674	92.3	10,977
Sept. ..	149.2	40.1	13,901	4,634	9,121	57,516	18,045	18,257	2,745	3,357	101.1	13,531
Oct. ..	148.0	40.2	19,083	6,276	13,360	43,245	18,435	22,593	2,452	3,399	91.3	13,513
Nov. ..	143.1	41.9	21,520	6,532	14,801	43,228	20,859	22,833	2,962	4,089	95.4	14,177
Dec. ..	131.4	37.7	21,329	6,212	14,389	43,269	21,675	18,755	3,947	4,529	93.8	14,381
Jan. ..	119.0	34.8	17,386	4,594	11,912	41,948	22,614	11,857	2,376	2,862	82.7	14,119
Feb. ..	100.0	33.6	14,724	3,176	8,660	45,359	20,869	8,084	2,471	2,936	80.8	13,601
Mar. ..	100.1	42.0	15,129	2,834	7,896	48,436	15,925	8,034	3,280	3,352	80.2	15,311
April ..	95.1	34.5	11,148	2,319	5,886	44,813	12,768	6,337	2,915	2,947	70.8	12,417
May ..	138.7	40.1	9,487	1,793	5,330	56,848	13,768	7,192	3,084	3,208	85.3	14,809
June ..	137.2	34.2	7,165	1,347	4,489	63,378	12,833	7,166	2,990	3,013	90.5	12,838
1950-51—	†	*	*						†*	†*	†*	
July ..	145.5	37.9	7,356	1,662	4,480	57,958	12,353	6,775	2,566	2,619	83.2	12,700
Aug. ..	147.6	42.8	10,378	3,037	6,701	58,118	12,220	8,410	2,394	3,006	85.2	14,104
Sept. ..	146.5	40.3	14,445	5,094	9,780	55,482	12,360	11,208	2,231	2,909	85.2	13,595
Oct. ..	142.9	38.7	19,933	7,018	13,031	51,975	12,781	16,199	2,277	2,959	87.3	14,792
Nov. ..	122.1	38.5	21,279	7,218	14,618	50,308	14,355	15,047	2,781	3,623	87.4	15,029
Dec. ..	119.9	36.2	20,658	6,212	12,819	46,932	14,900	14,128	3,786	4,225	85.5	15,079
Jan. ..	142.0	33.3	18,201	4,468	10,263	42,870	17,218	8,929	2,662	2,808	75.5	15,838
Feb. ..	132.6	34.0	13,800	2,797	7,866	47,231	16,590	7,265	3,045	2,860	78.0	13,816
Mar. ..	139.6	38.1	12,627	2,627	*6,679	52,815	14,701	6,641	3,380	3,045	81.7	14,627
April ..	141.7	37.2	8,848	1,644	*4,924	57,894	13,812	6,534	3,100	2,980	85.4	14,554
May ..	154.2	40.3	6,594	1,333	4,592	67,653	12,485	6,320	3,242	3,371	94.3	15,493
June ..	154.6	37.6	5,746	1,447	4,746							13,797
1951-52—												
July ..			7,017	2,131								14,703

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Cured weight.

(b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.

(d) In terms of fresh meat.

(e) Incomplete.

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
				Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
	'000 lb.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37	1,805	36,399	90,852	3,660	478	610	..
1937-38	1,904	41,274	102,820	4,032	804	518	..
1938-39	1,939	40,791	99,954	3,426	816	715	..
1944-45	2,193	27,751	69,954	16	6	15	63
1945-46	2,208	33,712	92,109	68	163	165	94
1946-47	2,534	38,318	97,541	1,199	496	528	141
1947-48	2,502	40,407	98,838	1,874	536	786	143
1948-49	2,427	48,775	118,595	2,136	488	784	145
1949-50†	2,483	50,589	123,622	2,343	325	1,004	164
1950-51†	2,627	53,078	131,303	2,964	376	1,547	187
Monthly Totals.							
1949-50†—							
July	2,353	29,481	71,565	1,465	212	607	69
August	2,528	49,995	127,785	2,047	212	769	159
September	2,270	51,218	124,743	2,292	224	1,063	181
October	2,567	44,274	111,823	2,325	263	946	169
November	2,899	50,831	128,503	2,227	466	1,147	195
December	2,496	50,719	113,399	1,968	209	933	142
January	1,927	54,836	134,756	1,330	185	638	114
February	2,467	46,834	120,580	2,416	398	1,015	176
March	2,714	56,830	141,772	2,978	496	1,255	193
April	2,363	53,984	122,808	2,591	415	1,068	152
May	2,805	60,989	152,886	3,182	419	1,194	220
June	2,407	57,081	132,838	3,292	398	1,418	199
1950-51†—							
July	2,645	52,879	125,089	3,362	441	1,461	198
August	2,575	58,120	150,906	3,478	430	1,426	219
September	2,567	46,803	115,700	3,545	377	1,653	203
October	2,569	48,194	106,011	3,116	502	1,644	201
November	2,528	54,792	136,365	3,288	427	1,628	215
December	2,803	48,277	107,214	2,638	269	1,289	126
January	2,162	55,011	146,682	2,219	235	1,428	126
February	2,787	47,884	119,720	2,013	286	1,577	173
March	2,682	52,414	126,345	2,698	314	1,175	185
April	2,726	52,968	133,163	2,830	335	1,972	190
May	2,965	60,657	163,118	3,071	389	1,620	210
June	2,517	58,939	145,326	3,308	501	1,691	195
1951-52†—							
July		55,073	125,356	3,397	909	2,012	

(a) Monthly averages for Australian factory production. Monthly totals for quantity upon which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols .., †, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: Average 3 years 1937 to 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France. (a)	Italy. (b)	Japan.	Nether- lands. (c)	Norway.	Sweden.	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A.
1937 ..	112	101	98	100	..	94	96	98	97	..	109
1938 ..	91	96	98	92	100	101	97	98	97	..	86
1939 ..	97	102	105	..	..	105	107	104	106	..	105
1945 ..	..	165	72	39	..	57	30	68	109	..	196
1945-46 ..	(e) 81	152	82	(e) 73	..	(e) 32	(f) 55	83	(e) 132	(e) 100	163
1946-47 ..	(e) 97	157	101	(e) 87	..	(e) 38	83	106	(e) 136	(e) 108	177
1947-48 ..	(e) 103	167	122	95	..	(e) 49	101	119	(e) 145	117	182
1948-49 ..	107	172	129	109	104	57	115	126	(e) 150	125	180
1949-50 ..	104	176	143	111	112	65	127	134	152	134	174
1950-51 ..											208
1948-49— June ..	107	178	136	118	111	62	118	133	152	130	164
1949-50— July ..	93	167	103	106	110	63	119	87	103	118	157
August ..	99	167	135	92	90	61	116	118	149	119	168
September ..	103	177	145	110	111	62	127	132	155	132	172
October ..	105	174	142	112	112	64	132	135	154	135	163
November ..	107	174	145	114	110	63	135	139	160	140	168
December ..	107	175	146	116	112	66	131	130	156	131	172
January ..	105	171	138	116	110	63	127	132	152	135	172
February ..	107	175	143	116	107	63	120	151	156	140	171
March ..	107	180	149	102	121	67	134	147	163	144	177
April ..	110	179	154	112	114	69	121	140	169	135	181
May ..	110	185	160	117	125	71	126	148	163	141	189
June ..	100	194	156	114	120	72	133	142	160	143	193
1950-51— July ..	91	187	111	106	120	71	132	92	108	134	191
August ..	106	180	149	91	101	72	136	131	153	123	205
September ..	118	192	159	115	125	73	146	139	160	143	208
October ..	123	198	158	121	133	81	152	145	168	152	213
November ..	123	198	158	126	127	83	148	146	169	153	207
December ..	*118	197	152	122	129	88	135	144	166	140	208
January ..	*125	197	149	126	132	85	141	144	160	140	208
February ..	*127	201	153	128	*129	83	136	162	164	*151	209
March ..	*133	204	158	126	140	96	151	*149	172	*141	211
April ..	133	205	157	*130	137	*97	*143	*148	*172	151	213
May ..		208	157	129		101	139	159	170	146	215
June ..											215

(a) Base: 1937 = 100. (b) Base: 1938 = 100. (c) Manufacturing, mining and public utilities. (d) Interim index prepared to provide an overall measure of monthly changes in total industrial production (including supplies and equipment for Armed Forces). Includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing industries, building and contracting, gas, electricity and water. Base: 1946 = 100. (e) Year ended December. (f) Eleven months August-June.

For meaning of symbols .., *, — see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1936-37	499,289	214,296	77,912	48,587	24,191	7,479
1937-38	534,963	241,751	80,114	55,125	27,402	8,323
1938-39 (a) ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	54,107	24,927	7,370
1944-45	505,782	290,961	57,239	899	7,654	411
1945-46	522,615	333,129	72,701	2,123	8,686	1,953
1946-47	550,400	375,646	86,712	21,237	16,317	8,220
1947-48	593,077	414,072	100,196	42,745	28,769	14,308
1948-49	655,497	452,147	117,133	66,471	36,678	22,226
1949-50	767,556	495,684	133,866	115,012	57,946	26,782
1950-51†	883,148	551,093	145,515	127,671	77,933	27,151
1948-49—						
June	655,497	452,147	117,133	6,249	3,541	1,814
1949-50—						
July	659,894	450,578	116,538	6,145	3,409	1,792
August	669,619	457,403	118,666	6,229	3,535	2,076
September ..	676,863	462,238	120,381	7,118	3,932	2,279
October	681,573	465,462	121,703	7,292	4,304	2,245
November ..	691,859	471,356	123,666	10,624	5,282	2,480
December ..	702,380	476,623	125,770	10,794	5,643	2,538
January	709,407	477,212	126,883	7,505	3,894	2,214
February ..	715,715	481,728	127,708	9,665	4,545	2,275
March	730,587	486,279	129,817	12,272	5,726	2,626
April	739,192	489,332	131,220	9,976	4,752	2,128
May	755,361	496,720	132,834	14,864	6,969	2,483
June	767,556	495,684	133,866	12,528	5,955	1,646
1950-51—						
July	777,170	499,875	132,719	11,915	6,358	1,781
August	790,006	507,543	134,495	13,446	7,588	2,136
September ..	800,349	511,398	135,383	11,814	7,186	2,076
October	810,987	515,268	136,711	11,940	7,529	2,380
November ..	821,689	523,394	137,783	11,848	7,978	2,470
December ..	831,225	527,628	138,025	9,926	6,008	1,975
January	839,345	529,273	139,196	7,742	5,021	2,044
February ..	849,280	535,074	140,681	10,096	5,877	2,197
March	858,026	540,163	142,359	10,019	6,379	3,113
April	868,603	545,176	144,268	9,742	5,942	2,620
May	874,965	547,791	144,893	10,641	6,463	2,405
June†	883,148	551,093	145,515	8,542	5,604	1,954

(a) Excludes Northern Territory ; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.			Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
			Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
			Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	..	..	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	..	..	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	..	..	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
			(a)	(a)			
1943-44	..	..	19,694	155.6	1,445	6,434	1,190
1944-45	..	..	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	..	..	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	..	..	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	..	..	(b)18,510	(b)144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	..	..	(b)19,317	(b)146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	..	..	(b)19,181	(b)148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1949-50—			(b)	(b)			(c)
April	..	..	18,945	149.7	1,598	7,574	— 116
May	..	..	21,181	151.3	1,467	8,709	— 226
June	..	..	18,457	148.2	1,336	8,438	— 1,720
1950-51—							
July	..	..	18,502	150.1	1,448	7,679	— 645
August	..	..	20,674	140.3	1,358	8,895	— 175
September	..	..	21,210	149.2	1,388	8,816	— 286
October	..	..	18,591	142.9	1,197	7,732	— 194
November	..	..	15,492	139.3	867	6,838	— 223
December	..	..	18,217	161.0	1,214	8,480	— 417
January	..	..	18,022	145.6	1,372	9,323	— 453
February	..	..	19,962	151.8	1,433	8,702	— 869
March	..	..	18,751	158.8	1,335	9,144	— 537
April	..	..	20,457	148.3	1,456	9,400	— 477
May	..	..	20,534	145.8	1,356	10,234	— 1,279

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE. (a)

(£'000.)

Period.			New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
July, 1950	..	..	3,074	1,735	1,346	(b) 412	578	7,145
July, 1951	..	..	4,140	1,670	1,890	(b) 719	818	9,237

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers 1950-51. £220,000, 1951-52. £217,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1943-44(a) ..	319	86	53	220	16	76	770
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	(b) 618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	(b) 707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	(b) 692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	(b) 617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	(b) 635
Monthly Totals.							
1948-49—							
May ..	322	60	47	49	15	51	544
June ..	178	58	32	63	17	30	378
1949-50—							
July ..	36	74	33	53	9	55	(b) 261
August ..	198	61	37	72	3	41	412
September ..	352	67	40	223	22	72	(b) 777
October ..	322	44	44	279	13	35	737
November ..	317	52	37	259	18	60	(b) 744
December ..	310	63	43	261	10	37	724
January ..	233	48	65	251	8	37	(b) 643
February ..	276	50	47	190	7	57	(b) 629
March ..	289	42	34	260	12	47	684
April ..	238	67	38	239	6	55	(b) 643
May ..	301	48	41	222	17	55	(b) 685
June ..	225	75	39	268	16	62	(b) 685
1950-51—							
July ..	226	51	34	277	8	64	660
August ..	320	81	42	280	19	65	807
September ..	341	50	58	287	12	65	813
October ..	292	72	45	217	4	46	676
November ..	298	40	65	210	24	48	685
December ..	285	53	43	214	7	41	643
January ..	156	57	35	250	10	46	554
February ..	171	43	45	206	10	52	(b) 527
March ..	219	49	27	249	13	48	605
April ..	263	56	58	212	9	50	648
May† ..	296	64	54	285	5	67	771

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1943-44(a)	345	148	493	279	142	421
1944-45(a)	362	150	512	251	151	402
1945-46(a)	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50	641	298	939	422	116	538
Monthly Totals.						
1948-49—						
May	593	225	818	548	126	674
June	486	249	735	418	118	536
1949-50—						
July	611	210	821	373	112	485
August	725	228	953	445	121	566
September	597	305	902	489	132	621
October	666	315	981	476	121	597
November	575	254	829	329	100	429
December	568	296	864	343	100	443
January	680	343	1,023	336	81	417
February	506	254	760	432	95	527
March	766	365	1,131	471	140	611
April	638	334	972	463	124	587
May	780	378	1,158	527	144	671
June	576	291	867	377	117	494
1950-51—						
July	777	342	1,119	360	104	464
August	852	353	1,205	479	95	574
September	766	310	1,076	537	122	659
October	721	308	1,029	440	109	549
November	725	315	1,040	388	113	501
December	680	319	999	405	116	521
January	868	400	1,268	455	71	526
February	687	352	1,039	417	74	491
March	772	322	1,094	511	105	616
April	664	358	1,022	448	134	582
May†	811	322	1,133	463	142	605

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£'000.)

Period.								Australia.		
								Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
								Monthly Averages. Totals complete.		
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,440	21,751	37,191
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,942	23,612	40,554
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,374	23,388	39,762
1943-44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,851	32,622	50,473
1944-45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,274	32,988	52,262
1945-46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,330	33,373	55,703
1946-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,580	42,170	66,750
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26,193	53,329	79,522
1948-49	30,264	63,115	93,379
1949-50	37,937	72,215	110,152
Taxable Sales—Rates.										
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(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49 and 13.10.50, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbols . . . *, † see page 1.

RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, namely, New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. It is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

Period.	Sydney.					Queensland.				
	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.
	September.	December.	March.	June.		September.	December.	March.	June.	
1936-37 ..	+ 6.5	+ 4.6	+ 4.5	+ 5.7	+ 5.3	+ 0.8	— 2.6	— 3.0	— 1.3	— 1.5
1937-38 ..	+ 8.1	+11.7	+ 6.3	+ 6.7	+ 8.3	+ 1.4	+ 6.1	+ 2.7	+ 5.1	+ 4.0
1938-39 ..	+ 4.7	+ 2.3	+ 4.6	— 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 2.6
1944-45 ..	+ 6.6	+ 7.4	+ 4.8	+ 3.2	+ 5.4	+ 7.6	+10.0	+ 1.0	— 0.3	+ 4.5
1945-46 ..	+22.5	+30.8	+37.2	+35.3	+31.6	+16.5	+27.7	+22.4	+24.8	+23.3
1946-47 ..	+34.6	+25.0	+14.9	+19.0	+23.7	+14.6	+ 9.3	+ 9.9	+15.8	+12.4
1947-48 ..	+23.6	+17.1	+19.5	+18.5	+19.5	+26.0	+17.9	+12.3	+11.4	+16.6
1948-49 ..	+15.6	+13.1	+16.9	+ 6.2	+12.7	+12.7	+ 8.2	+11.7	+ 7.0	+ 9.6
1949-50 ..	— 4.5	+10.3	+ 9.1	+ 9.6	+ 6.2	— 1.4	+ 5.3	+11.8	+ 8.5	+ 5.9
1950-51 ..	+32.9	+16.2	+30.9	+33.0	+27.7	+22.8	+12.7	+38.3		
	Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—			Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—		
1948-49—										
June ..	+ 2.4		+ 6.2			+ 0.9		+ 7.0		
1949-50—										
July ..	—16.3		+ 0.9			— 9.1		+ 1.0		
August ..	— 2.8		— 5.3			+ 5.4		— 1.2		
September ..	+ 4.1		— 4.5			+ 0.4		— 1.4		
October..	+10.0		+ 3.5			+ 4.4		+ 3.4		
November	+13.2		+ 9.1			+ 4.3		+ 3.1		
December	+ 8.2		+10.3			+ 6.8		+ 5.3		
January ..	+ 7.6		+ 9.7			+16.7		+ 8.4		
February	+12.6		+ 9.2			+ 7.7		+ 9.7		
March ..	+ 8.0		+ 9.1			+11.3		+11.8		
April ..	— 0.3		+ 6.2			+ 8.3		+ 9.1		
May ..	+14.7		+ 7.6			+ 8.3		+ 9.2		
June ..	+15.0		+ 9.6			+ 9.0		+ 8.5		
1950-51—										
July ..	+31.1		+19.1			+26.3		+13.8		
August ..	+39.1		+28.7			+18.4		+17.5		
September	+27.9		+32.9			+23.5		+22.8		
October..	+21.4		+29.4			+15.6		+19.1		
November	+14.1		+20.9			+ 4.2		+14.0		
December	+14.0		+16.2			+17.3		+12.7		
January ..	+41.4		+20.9			+50.2		+21.7		
February	+28.5		+25.5			+40.0		+32.8		
March ..	+25.3		+30.9			+25.1		+38.3		
April ..	+47.7		+33.6			+29.0		+31.1		
May ..	+22.8		+31.0			+22.8		+25.5		
June ..	+30.5		+33.0							

NINE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

Liabilities and Assets Within Australia.

(£'000.)

Period.		Business within Australia.							
		Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
		Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.									
1936-37	184,722	112,880	297,602	262,496	15,047	—	34,199	24,512	
1937-38	194,785	120,022	314,807	274,365	21,411	—	37,114	20,728	
1938-39	198,793	118,868	317,661	288,109	20,477	—	33,597	21,533	
1944-45	224,023	343,773	567,796	208,719	105,842	207,992	38,038	60,283	
1945-46	220,415	385,953	606,368	212,178	115,272	238,098	38,462	59,782	
1946-47	206,862	429,749	636,611	261,140	95,026	264,991	37,928	25,831	
1947-48	201,891	471,604	673,495	329,850	65,606	262,258	44,389	18,089	
1948-49	211,262	565,140	776,402	368,582	61,455	322,670	48,016	22,110	
1949-50	224,477	685,587	910,064	403,889	83,813	377,006	51,960	26,502	
1950-51	*247,727	*896,499	1,144,226	479,322	90,244	*500,347	59,333	36,887	
1949-50—									
July(e)	213,367	579,226	792,593	391,973	69,258	341,141	42,374	11,000	
August	212,643	578,464	791,107	390,489	72,720	326,353	47,228	13,300	
September ..	211,672	590,594	802,266	393,684	76,618	308,328	49,760	17,200	
October	211,336	610,038	821,374	400,712	75,670	306,953	51,797	25,200	
November ..	221,092	644,147	865,239	404,628	76,103	320,253	56,296	30,600	
December ..	222,180	692,385	914,565	403,973	77,498	337,453	58,016	44,375	
January	226,848	703,002	929,850	400,902	84,744	364,453	59,369	37,000	
February ..	228,938	737,754	966,692	399,849	92,495	409,703	51,975	31,750	
March	231,414	775,155	1,006,569	404,696	92,503	433,853	54,465	34,950	
April	238,579	779,447	1,018,026	414,899	94,505	456,953	53,733	28,750	
May	235,551	766,017	1,001,568	414,092	96,503	466,153	47,927	24,350	
June	239,409	765,451	1,004,860	427,189	96,501	442,828	51,058	20,250	
1950-51—									
July	244,487	753,319	997,806	440,544	98,624	430,078	49,482	22,875	
August	244,298	739,091	983,389	444,144	96,507	441,453	51,598	16,050	
September ..	243,995	758,347	1,002,342	449,162	92,933	448,453	60,006	18,500	
October	248,739	808,408	1,057,147	465,026	84,602	458,828	58,149	29,625	
November ..	250,053	846,485	1,096,538	476,507	80,678	480,303	56,972	33,550	
December(f) ..	247,055	886,454	1,133,509	490,465	83,693	485,953	62,143	36,750	
January	249,193	909,882	1,159,075	482,022	85,894	498,483	64,764	41,750	
February ..	247,289	950,896	1,198,185	495,345	92,420	523,078	60,798	42,250	
March	246,168	1,038,946	1,285,114	507,196	92,574	532,453	70,683	57,750	
April	248,078	1,048,892	1,296,970	502,297	88,083	557,453	69,273	57,000	
May	251,939	1,039,830	1,291,769	496,909	93,413	575,453	59,482	54,250	
June	250,122	987,593	1,237,715	509,459	92,993	569,616	*50,477	32,75	
1951-52—									
July	252,109	952,222	1,204,331	527,559	91,140	537,790	55,115	24,750	

(a) Bank of Adelaide, Bank of Australasia Ltd., Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) and Union Bank of Australia Ltd. Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by one bank from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £2,600,000. (f) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

For meaning of symbols *, —, ———, see page 1.

NINE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

Ratios of Assets and Liabilities to Total Deposits (b) Within Australia.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	
Averages of Weekly Figures.						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	—	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	—	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	—	37.42
1944-45	6.70	17.31	36.76	55.40	36.63	60.55
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1949-50—						
July(e)	5.35	6.74	49.45	58.19	43.04	73.08
August	5.97	7.65	49.36	58.55	41.25	73.12
September	6.20	8.34	49.07	58.62	38.43	73.62
October	6.31	9.38	48.79	58.00	37.37	74.27
November	6.51	10.05	46.76	55.56	37.01	74.45
December	6.34	11.19	44.17	52.64	36.90	75.71
January	6.38	10.36	43.11	52.22	39.19	75.60
February	5.38	8.66	41.36	50.83	42.38	76.31
March	5.41	8.88	40.21	49.40	43.10	77.01
April	5.28	8.10	40.76	50.04	44.89	76.56
May	4.79	7.22	41.34	50.98	46.54	76.48
June	5.08	7.10	42.51	52.11	44.07	76.17
1950-51—						
July	4.96	7.25	44.15	54.03	43.10	75.49
August	5.25	6.88	45.16	54.97	44.89	75.16
September	5.99	7.84	44.81	54.08	44.74	75.66
October	5.50	8.30	43.99	51.99	43.40	76.47
November	5.20	8.26	43.46	50.82	43.80	77.20
December(f)	5.48	8.72	43.25	50.63	42.87	78.20
January	5.58	9.18	41.59	49.00	43.01	78.50
February	5.07	8.60	41.34	49.06	43.66	79.36
March	5.50	9.99	39.47	46.67	41.43	80.84
April	5.34	9.73	38.73	45.52	42.98	80.87
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55	80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02	79.79
1951-52—						
July	4.58	6.64	43.81	51.38	44.65	79.07

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.
 (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) See footnote (e) on previous page. (f) See footnote (f) on previous page.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(GENERAL BANKING DIVISION AND RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE
DEPARTMENTS.)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b)	21,101	35,775	56,876	20,533	7,366	5,379	35,249	
1946-47	17,574	41,372	58,946	25,698	7,176	3,131	36,488	
1947-48	13,873	44,549	58,422	33,338	7,432	1,189	32,662	
1948-49	13,214	52,346	65,560	49,230	6,871	462	34,461	
1949-50	14,775	72,311	87,086	81,669	13,975	1,962	35,352	
1950-51	19,405	93,603	113,008	102,426	*8,401	24,126	27,100	
1949-50—								
July	12,740	62,381	75,121	61,256	13,857	—	32,199	
August	12,739	67,149	79,888	63,798	18,023	—	31,873	
September	12,789	69,753	82,542	64,342	23,191	—	29,573	
October	12,876	72,690	85,566	67,190	21,253	—	31,573	
November	14,151	80,032	94,183	69,345	25,700	—	34,274	
December	15,585	82,091	97,676	72,196	20,928	—	41,074	
January	15,654	76,027	91,681	74,239	14,922	—	41,073	
February	15,928	70,326	86,254	86,079	7,965	—	41,574	
March	16,393	71,673	88,066	105,891	6,176	3,500	41,073	
April	16,248	72,327	88,575	111,799	5,706	6,500	35,824	
May	15,894	71,476	87,370	104,045	5,271	6,500	34,274	
June	16,283	71,538	87,821	95,749	4,891	6,500	29,823	
1950-51—								
July	16,795	72,160	88,955	94,327	5,888	6,500	26,824	
August	17,848	74,891	92,739	91,583	5,500	5,700	30,373	
September	17,663	82,677	100,340	96,187	7,995	11,250	32,073	
October	17,944	87,420	105,364	95,486	5,922	14,250	32,574	
November	18,463	95,406	113,869	91,089	10,572	15,600	35,574	
December(c)	18,491	102,336	120,827	93,030	13,716	20,333	33,574	
January	18,227	87,970	106,197	98,835	6,909	19,400	27,806	
February	18,115	97,218	115,333	103,593	11,237	23,250	26,614	
March	18,346	111,482	129,828	113,976	14,420	38,500	25,114	
April	24,132	107,027	131,159	116,855	7,557	51,500	19,364	
May	24,046	106,483	130,529	121,920	6,373	47,510	19,544	
June	22,322	102,767	125,089	111,453	7,112	36,850	16,164	
1951-52—								
July	22,719	95,937	118,656	106,891	6,057	34,500	14,164	

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) See footnote (f) on page 43.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

Liabilities and Assets.(a)
(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b)	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
1946-47 ..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
1947-48 ..	22,245	175,845	198,090	263,688	28,018	142,014	196,694	419,857
1948-49 ..	24,912	178,649	203,561	323,930	29,764	174,647	336,175	356,260
1949-50 ..	27,926	194,272	222,198	379,632	30,661	200,345	434,018	348,965
1950-51 ..	32,725	219,045	251,770	503,248	34,696	238,230	596,276	366,570
1949-50—								
August ..	25,415	187,398	212,813	327,990	27,362	182,105	384,350	321,373
September ..	25,734	188,829	214,563	310,045	29,307	194,135	379,822	337,767
October ..	26,857	190,081	216,938	308,670	30,868	214,200	381,755	365,274
November ..	27,345	191,518	218,863	321,970	35,095	226,740	397,634	379,070
December ..	31,013	199,988	231,001	339,170	34,217	194,637	406,778	368,934
January ..	30,363	194,638	225,001	366,170	35,596	195,843	427,652	370,098
February ..	27,823	194,115	221,938	411,620	31,820	183,909	449,568	349,119
March ..	27,765	196,148	223,913	437,000	35,084	203,897	485,268	341,700
April ..	29,566	200,560	230,126	461,320	31,157	211,693	507,001	343,885
May ..	29,601	199,262	228,863	471,170	25,722	209,138	497,740	346,755
June ..	28,677	201,949	230,626	447,845	28,714	206,529	503,249	341,690
1950-51—								
July ..	28,748	203,460	232,208	434,295	26,191	213,607	534,156	324,577
August ..	29,472	204,898	234,370	445,170	27,821	201,157	534,031	322,863
September ..	29,256	206,889	236,145	452,170	37,305	204,741	532,358	337,829
October ..	30,183	208,400	238,583	462,545	35,255	221,047	543,044	362,363
November ..	30,677	210,543	241,220	483,420	33,851	220,115	559,218	365,900
December ..	35,696	222,824	258,520	488,170	36,536	220,806	563,218	376,448
January ..	35,963	219,108	255,071	501,450	36,617	234,964	567,034	400,718
February ..	32,689	220,394	253,083	526,045	35,619	237,950	591,618	388,993
March ..	35,070	229,451	264,521	535,420	46,670	270,665	640,626	407,550
April ..	35,091	231,055	266,146	560,420	44,158	281,424	676,439	398,216
May ..	34,845	234,675	269,520	578,420	34,520	278,338	701,234	368,563
June ..	35,003	238,580	273,583	572,583	23,307	278,528	718,228	346,885
1951-52—								
July ..	34,904	241,442	276,346	*540,757	29,458	*287,339	712,641	345,150
August ..			279,871	525,970	30,009	281,281	696,473	351,743

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.
months ended June, 1946.

(c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays.

(b) Ten

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(b)

(£'000.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(c)	245,824	437,036	682,860	249,435	48,354	68,351	160,295
1946-47	229,515	481,096	710,611	309,706	47,622	29,692	139,993
1947-48(d)	221,199	528,675	749,874	394,658	54,948	20,147	108,814
1948-49	231,812	635,871	867,683	457,595	59,059	24,445	109,592
1949-50	249,332	780,923	1,030,255	531,795	69,973	29,512	132,301
1950-51	279,553	1,022,049	1,301,602	638,352	72,586	64,101	129,719
1949-50—							
July (e)	233,729	660,515	894,244	496,304	59,573	11,000	115,295
August	232,990	664,440	897,430	497,561	68,186	13,420	117,787
September	232,304	679,140	911,444	502,265	75,760	17,400	118,955
October	232,622	701,396	934,018	512,815	76,319	25,400	119,181
November	243,914	744,085	987,999	519,229	85,944	30,800	122,148
December	246,814	795,436	1,042,250	522,006	82,968	45,050	130,522
January	251,888	801,724	1,053,612	521,247	78,239	38,000	138,213
February	254,844	835,003	1,089,847	532,224	65,110	33,050	147,825
March	258,916	876,860	1,135,776	557,756	66,743	41,000	147,770
April	267,156	881,176	1,148,332	575,034	64,114	38,450	144,856
May	265,731	863,226	1,128,957	567,234	57,629	32,700	145,112
June	270,016	861,851	1,131,867	574,211	59,442	27,900	139,049
1950-51—							
July	273,250	850,722	1,123,972	588,862	58,305	30,355	136,558
August	273,076	839,516	1,112,592	590,113	59,749	22,730	137,778
September	273,001	868,352	1,141,353	600,248	71,863	30,730	135,761
October	278,572	923,477	1,202,049	616,694	68,456	44,855	127,929
November	280,858	969,553	1,250,411	625,015	72,365	49,990	127,105
December(f)	278,146	1,018,168	1,296,314	641,406	80,327	58,580	128,708
January	279,750	1,029,457	1,309,207	637,529	76,274	64,080	125,964
February	278,174	1,081,627	1,359,801	656,612	77,394	69,192	132,046
March	277,502	1,189,615	1,467,117	679,087	92,045	101,970	131,205
April	285,470	1,196,108	1,481,578	677,149	83,569	115,157	121,505
May	289,709	1,185,697	1,475,406	676,033	72,385	108,760	127,742
June	285,480	1,127,314	1,412,794	678,417	*62,634	74,145	124,144
1951-52—							
July	287,373	1,084,569	1,371,942	692,535	66,758	61,195	120,387

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 45. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) See footnote (e), page 43. (f) See footnote (f), page 43.

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	(c)7,189	3,374	119	c 159,234
1947-48(e) ..	(d)78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	d 188,244
1948-49 ..	91,990	77,699	24,546	15,493	10,770	4,699	205	225,402
1949-50 ..	115,208	101,877	29,668	19,339	13,822	5,605	265	285,784
1950-51 ..	157,825	140,043	39,226	26,861	19,335	7,370	373	391,033
1949-50—								
July ..	101,469	87,612	28,179	16,447	11,127	5,427	341	250,602
August ..	89,362	77,327	24,124	15,115	10,524	4,733	215	221,400
September ..	100,263	89,215	26,105	16,584	12,239	5,235	213	249,854
October ..	106,857	93,452	27,835	17,995	12,658	5,082	212	264,091
November ..	118,461	99,156	30,087	19,867	14,769	5,122	239	287,701
December ..	121,687	117,531	32,906	20,621	14,439	5,346	243	312,773
January ..	105,888	90,096	27,742	18,745	15,866	4,802	240	263,379
February ..	117,702	108,231	28,433	22,331	15,694	5,703	238	298,332
March ..	130,240	114,816	30,274	22,415	16,854	6,745	286	321,630
April ..	118,547	110,778	30,538	19,988	12,955	5,680	276	298,762
May ..	134,037	118,507	34,775	20,655	14,455	6,504	365	329,298
June ..	135,165	115,228	34,874	21,132	13,950	6,713	301	327,363
1950-51—								
July ..	133,214	120,536	36,702	22,722	15,131	6,887	330	335,522
August ..	119,321	107,347	30,551	20,316	13,756	6,271	313	297,875
September ..	139,507	114,662	34,192	23,511	17,463	6,273	327	335,935
October ..	146,293	134,194	38,927	24,705	17,922	6,548	358	368,947
November ..	159,334	136,664	40,823	24,947	19,102	6,438	373	387,681
December ..	171,348	145,778	41,085	28,284	20,539	6,798	346	414,178
January ..	143,702	130,438	35,283	25,227	21,954	6,459	362	363,425
February ..	173,000	154,671	38,931	30,449	22,673	8,523	398	428,645
March ..	171,966	148,299	40,861	32,802	20,700	8,579	395	423,602
April ..	174,463	175,357	44,756	30,221	25,099	8,519	426	458,841
May ..	180,164	162,391	44,739	30,295	19,625	8,625	433	446,272
June ..	188,780	156,010	45,242	30,520	18,779	8,939	421	448,691
1951-52—								
July ..	176,378	156,228	45,783	30,356	20,415	9,215	489	438,864

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

BANK CLEARINGS.(a)

Statistics of debits to customers' accounts were not available prior to September, 1945 (for September, 1945, onward see page 48). In their absence bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.	
							Weekly Averages.	Index. (b)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Weekly Averages.								
1936-37	17,247	15,592	3,753	2,900	1,989	559	42,040	976
1937-38	17,964	16,323	4,038	3,040	2,092	577	44,034	1,023
1938-39	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090	1,001
1944-45	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226	1,678
1945-46	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555	1,848
1946-47	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894	2,181
1947-48	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784	2,550
1948-49	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,039	1,778	131,000	3,043
1949-50	64,909	61,003	13,278	11,604	7,458	2,116	160,368	3,725
1950-51	88,588	82,022	18,046	15,957	10,809	2,885	218,307	5,070
1949-50—								
July	58,500	52,377	12,448	9,696	6,002	1,885	140,908	3,273
August	47,157	45,382	9,989	8,761	5,525	1,709	118,523	2,753
September ..	61,661	53,465	11,745	9,999	6,667	1,973	145,510	3,380
October	60,016	58,126	12,650	11,279	6,896	2,011	150,978	3,507
November ..	67,042	60,822	13,337	12,329	7,822	1,858	163,210	3,791
December ..	67,748	68,031	15,205	12,258	8,392	2,034	173,668	4,034
January	58,675	51,137	11,365	10,990	8,220	1,748	142,135	3,301
February ..	65,176	63,543	12,231	12,862	8,871	2,238	164,921	3,830
March	78,113	69,701	13,949	13,300	9,169	2,816	187,048	4,344
April	65,273	64,651	13,790	12,347	6,717	2,079	164,857	3,829
May	73,410	71,388	15,515	12,219	7,596	2,441	182,569	4,240
June	73,485	70,478	16,715	12,992	7,525	2,478	183,673	4,266
1950-51—								
July	73,359	72,599	16,602	12,972	8,157	2,565	186,254	4,326
August	63,825	63,276	12,779	11,389	7,083	2,367	160,719	3,733
September ..	81,653	70,859	14,883	14,892	9,730	2,367	194,384	4,515
October	84,310	78,368	18,349	16,482	10,005	2,461	209,975	4,877
November ..	86,826	77,973	18,939	14,888	11,104	2,351	212,081	4,926
December ..	95,111	84,513	18,543	16,353	11,461	2,446	228,427	5,305
January	80,352	71,403	15,272	15,006	12,120	2,497	196,650	4,567
February ..	97,769	86,128	17,922	17,406	13,917	4,410	237,552	5,517
March	102,607	84,044	19,936	20,266	11,341	4,006	242,200	5,625
April	96,935	97,288	21,338	17,927	14,825	3,188	251,501	5,841
May	96,843	101,401	21,043	17,555	10,725	3,132	250,699	5,823
June	108,244	98,281	21,576	17,426	9,871	3,137	258,535	6,005
1951-52—								
July	97,775	94,824	19,748	17,328	10,320	3,266	243,261	5,650

(a) For periods to December, 1946, averages of weeks ended last Monday of period; thereafter averages of weeks ended last Wednesday. (b) Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£'000.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.							War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)	
1936-37 ..	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851	—
1937-38 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	240,432	—
1938-39 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	245,587	—
1944-45 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	566,964	52,534
1945-46 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,448	663,554	54,677
1946-47 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	660,015	59,526
1947-48 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	681,318	64,483
1948-49 ..	244,483	239,246	87,442	81,176	37,535	22,413	714,232	62,198
1949-50 ..	258,874	257,121	92,201	87,695	39,612	24,272	762,085	55,025
1950-51 ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	837,444	48,115
1949-50—								
July ..	246,065	240,982	88,282	81,858	37,792	22,647	719,630	61,582
August ..	246,002	241,632	88,725	82,115	37,902	22,973	721,390	60,949
September	246,125	242,513	89,085	82,275	38,073	23,080	723,229	60,357
October	247,919	243,845	89,626	82,800	38,384	23,219	727,881	59,716
November	248,356	244,591	89,738	83,193	38,367	23,139	729,504	59,065
December	249,019	246,015	89,947	83,516	38,291	23,227	732,127	58,431
January ..	250,594	247,458	89,708	84,136	38,347	23,387	735,773	57,790
February	251,755	248,322	89,993	84,809	38,493	23,685	739,234	57,263
March ..	252,633	249,369	89,827	85,239	38,710	23,849	741,830	56,731
April ..	253,523	250,700	89,916	85,618	38,781	23,948	744,714	56,130
May ..	253,654	251,628	90,189	85,664	38,724	23,973	746,064	55,612
June ..	258,874	257,121	92,201	87,695	39,612	24,272	^b 762,085	55,025
1950-51—								
July ..	260,043	256,905	92,437	88,058	39,688	24,415	763,887	54,463
August ..	259,020	256,364	92,504	87,878	39,652	24,621	762,379	53,896
September	259,695	258,021	93,231	88,486	39,959	24,699	766,455	53,299
October ..	259,274	258,315	93,390	88,659	40,004	24,589	766,612	52,701
November	258,950	258,469	93,445	88,947	39,936	24,507	766,665	52,103
December	260,142	259,262	93,856	89,281	39,809	24,508	769,224	51,423
January ..	261,688	260,943	93,774	90,166	39,965	24,748	773,668	50,856
February	264,424	262,209	94,182	91,297	40,465	25,160	780,177	50,280
March ..	278,681	273,553	98,358	94,983	43,300	26,350	817,849	49,736
April ..	279,378	274,811	98,193	95,489	43,599	26,538	820,648	49,194
May ..	279,755	276,959	98,579	95,846	43,868	26,749	824,407	48,658
June ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	^b 837,444	48,115
1951-52—								
July ..	285,456	283,291	99,307	98,712	44,922	27,487	841,902	47,578

(a) Includes Internal Territories.

(b) Interest added—1949-50, £12.2m; 1950-51, £12.8m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Australian Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest).		Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.		
							Under 5 years.	10 years and over.	
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5
							Taxed at Current C'with. Rates.		
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	
1944-45 ..	0.56	0.81	1.28	1.78	2.0	1.17	(c) 2.47	(c) 3.25	4.9
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	d 1.60	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.7
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1949-50—									
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.93	3.13	4.4
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.14	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.12	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.83	3.12	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.12	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.14	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.15	4.4
1950-51—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.15	4.4
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.15	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.17	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.98	3.15	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.21	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.27	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.28	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4
1951-52—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.73	4.4
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75			

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

(c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12

years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) For December, 1945 and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1944-45	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1949-50—					
August	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
September(d)	125.25	3.538	2.792	12.763	10.128
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
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April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
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February	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia. (d) From 19th September, 1949 exchange rates were changed to London on New York, Buying \$2.80125, Selling \$2.79875; Australia on New York, Buying \$2.2425; Selling \$2.2275. Gold prices were changed to—Australia £15.492, London, £12.400.

LIFE ASSURANCE. (a)

Period.			New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims &c. Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
			Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
			Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
				£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
MONTHLY AVERAGES.											
1937	..	..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	..
1938	..	..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	..
1939	..	..	11,292	3,886	32,124	1,545	1,144	541	833	303	..
1945	..	..	10,918	5,086	24,197	1,636	1,635	781	1,016	409	..
1946	..	..	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	..
1947(a)	..	..	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	..
1947-48(a)	..	..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	..	..	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	..	..	20,492	12,176	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51	..	..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
MONTHLY TOTALS.											
1948-49—											
June	..	..	20,965	11,645	26,456	2,657	3,215	974	1,275	522	2,287
1949-50—											
July	..	..	21,250	12,617	22,313	2,157	2,910	957	1,163	541	1,571
August	..	..	23,705	12,495	28,284	2,770	2,819	1,036	1,258	580	2,623
September	..	..	28,377	15,869	32,246	3,268	2,992	1,034	1,304	560	1,972
October	..	..	17,167	9,534	32,525	3,191	2,596	1,034	1,166	561	2,702
November	..	..	21,592	12,737	26,108	2,610	2,621	1,010	1,305	526	2,222
December	..	..	24,680	17,781	17,363	1,726	3,158	1,195	1,177	485	2,472
January	..	..	11,748	6,825	9,945	1,003	2,480	673	1,041	374	1,387
February	..	..	15,955	8,848	24,529	2,458	2,384	984	1,128	462	1,965
March	..	..	21,343	13,023	28,428	2,862	3,011	1,083	1,278	555	3,284
April	..	..	17,400	10,478	20,234	2,087	2,561	916	1,024	409	4,513
May	..	..	21,344	13,196	32,123	3,283	3,202	1,059	1,404	561	2,620
June	..	..	21,341	12,712	25,894	2,689	3,791	1,053	1,439	535	6,003
1950-51—											
July	..	..	21,192	13,847	27,600	2,838	3,325	1,059	1,309	538	3,286
August	..	..	23,897	15,476	25,686	2,671	3,257	1,053	1,359	530	3,579
September	..	..	30,918	18,353	28,496	2,984	3,059	1,009	1,422	512	2,768
October	..	..	18,273	11,894	28,880	2,930	3,020	1,087	1,387	527	4,112
November	..	..	20,832	14,221	23,539	2,444	3,092	1,129	1,348	495	3,451
December	..	..	24,895	19,676	15,836	1,642	3,359	1,198	1,221	470	5,503
January	..	..	12,163	8,221	8,162	885	2,824	687	1,077	366	2,692
February	..	..	15,816	10,631	21,445	2,307	2,712	1,021	1,187	463	4,152
March	..	..	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956
April	..	..	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753
May	..	..	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803
June	..	..	26,558	20,711	22,352	2,543	4,096	1,022	1,341	513	4,658

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July, 1950-51.			July, 1951-52.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	8,353	7,015	+ 1,338	10,395	9,416	+ 979
Victoria ..	3,762	4,590	— 828	3,855	5,071	— 1,216
Queensland ..	2,751	3,333	— 582	3,609	3,717	— 108
South Australia ..	1,784	2,212	— 428	2,252	2,326	— 74
Western Australia ..	1,942	2,048	— 106	2,334	2,427	— 93
Tasmania ..	500	532	— 32	569	632	— 63
Six States ..	19,092	19,730	— 638	23,014	23,589	— 575
Commonwealth ..	48,811	48,811	—	76,536	55,899	+ 20,637
Grand Total ..	62,180	62,818	— 638	93,170	73,108	+ 20,062

Government of—	1949-50.			1950-51.†		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	111,062	112,299	— 1,237	129,548	129,512	+ 36
Victoria ..	55,557	55,816	— 259			
Queensland ..	37,119	37,090	+ 29	44,723	44,625	+ 98
South Australia ..	26,360	26,550	— 190			
Western Australia ..	26,018	25,994	+ 24	28,973	28,814	+ 159
Tasmania ..	7,077	7,344	— 267	7,820	8,066	— 246
Six States ..	263,193	265,093	— 1,900			
Commonwealth ..	580,652	580,652	—	841,791	841,791	—
Grand Total ..	751,124	753,024	— 1,900			

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and coal strike emergency grant, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 31st Aug., 1951—								
Australia (b) ..	93,280	—	4,000	—	—	—	400	97,680
London ..	1,220	9,796	5,805	—	3,816	2,960	491	24,088
At 31st Aug., 1950—								
Australia (b) ..	88,280	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,280
London ..	1,470	9,796	5,805	—	3,816	2,960	491	24,338

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

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POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.			
	Monthly Averages.			
1936-37	1,318	938,331	440,471	594,855
1937-38	1,396	1,056,004	465,498	630,175
1938-39	1,447	1,129,786	487,535	661,996
1944-45	2,323	(c) 1,479,802	577,777	827,862
1945-46	2,371	1,506,080	607,475	855,917
1946-47	2,484	1,771,247	647,876	905,017
1947-48	2,616	1,832,816	688,348	963,154
1948-49	2,776	1,919,022	734,427	1,028,134
1949-50	3,196	2,029,628	793,077	1,109,984
1950-51	3,732	2,109,660	864,088	1,209,406
	Monthly Totals.			
1949-50—				
August	2,935	1,947,459	744,270	1,041,282
September	2,868	1,971,608	749,024	1,047,890
October	3,062	1,978,730	753,556	1,054,276
November	3,351	1,982,530	758,309	1,060,892
December	3,515	1,986,180	762,407	1,066,385
January	3,010	1,991,312	767,135	1,072,874
February	3,333	1,998,890	771,819	1,079,657
March	3,582	2,007,632	777,158	1,087,342
April	2,916	2,010,372	781,208	1,093,182
May	3,704	2,019,199	787,650	1,102,267
June	3,550	2,029,628	793,077	1,109,984
1950-51—				
July	3,021	2,042,691	798,641	1,117,662
August	*3,596	2,025,600	804,555	1,126,245
September	3,276	2,028,745	810,435	1,134,173
October	3,604	2,047,040	816,638	1,142,642
November	3,563	2,057,417	822,741	1,151,265
December	3,996	2,063,506	827,719	1,158,202
January	3,574	2,067,570	833,412	1,166,573
February	3,710	2,075,116	838,505	1,174,173
March	3,695	2,074,775	844,258	1,182,035
April	4,099	2,085,715	850,521	1,190,631
May	4,361	2,092,021	857,578	1,200,248
June	4,284	2,109,660	864,088	1,209,406
1951-52—				
July	4,346	2,227,824	869,987	1,218,245
August	4,555			

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

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OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

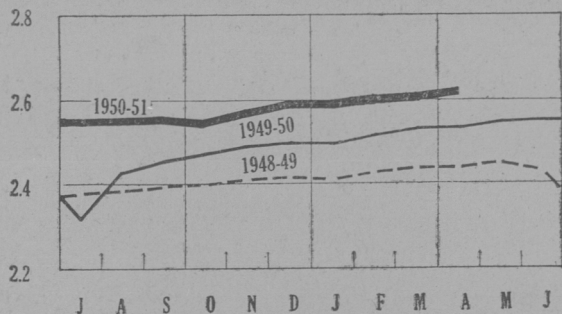
Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary.		Permanent.		
	Australian Residents Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	New Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,937	2,294	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1944-45	255	246	(b) 342	577	- 235
1945-46	344	550	1,063	1,772	- 709
1946-47	940	1,229	1,918	2,107	- 189
1947-48	1,981	1,729	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	1,898	2,829	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,500	3,470	15,407	1,608	+ 13,799
1950-51	2,617	3,594	12,774	1,729	+ 11,045
Monthly Totals.					
1948-49— June	2,128	2,847	17,329	1,776	+ 15,553
1949-50— July	1,424	2,429	12,032	1,733	+ 10,299
August	1,291	2,573	13,982	1,493	+ 12,489
September	1,396	2,545	14,366	1,422	+ 12,944
October	1,310	3,502	16,004	1,023	+ 14,981
November	1,772	3,407	16,368	1,393	+ 14,975
December	2,733	3,790	18,455	1,611	+ 16,844
January	2,666	4,016	14,764	1,625	+ 13,139
February	2,936	3,917	14,332	1,368	+ 12,964
March	4,215	4,992	22,313	2,246	+ 20,067
April	3,572	3,601	15,483	1,498	+ 13,985
May	3,679	3,643	14,927	1,925	+ 13,002
June	3,003	3,229	11,863	1,955	+ 9,908
1950-51— July	1,651	2,117	9,988	1,414	+ 8,574
August	1,784	3,621	13,078	2,099	+ 10,979
September	1,478	3,137	12,291	1,419	+ 10,872
October	1,645	4,197	10,416	1,656	+ 8,760
November	1,274	3,371	17,656	1,365	+ 16,291
December	3,510	3,851	17,429	2,285	+ 15,144
January	2,777	2,875	13,219	2,040	+ 11,179
February	3,517	4,936	8,650	1,499	+ 7,151
March	3,655	4,698	16,854	1,848	+ 15,006
April	4,153	3,511	11,264	2,061	+ 9,203
May	3,444	3,769	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758
June	2,512	3,040	13,112	1,489	+ 11,623

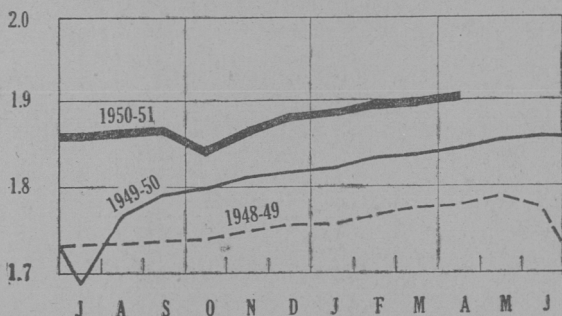
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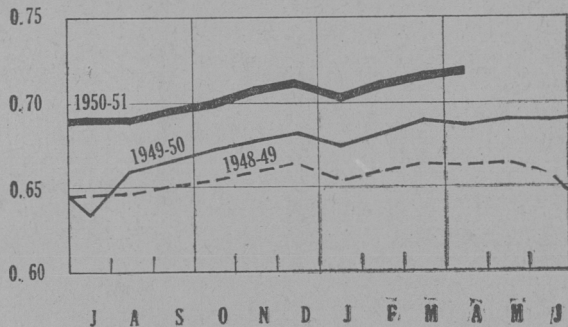
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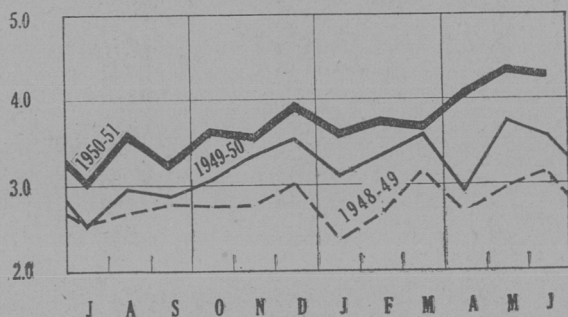
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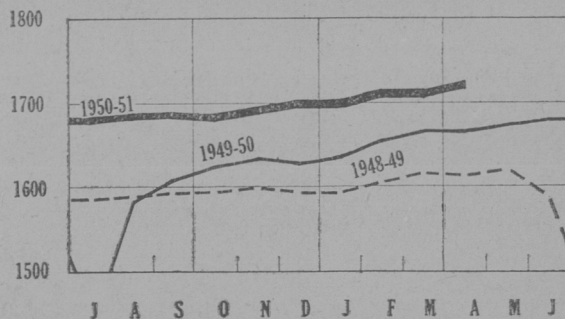
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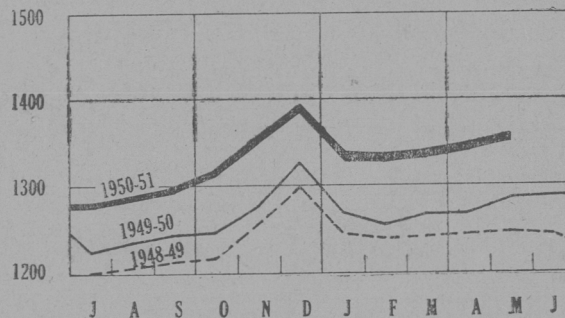
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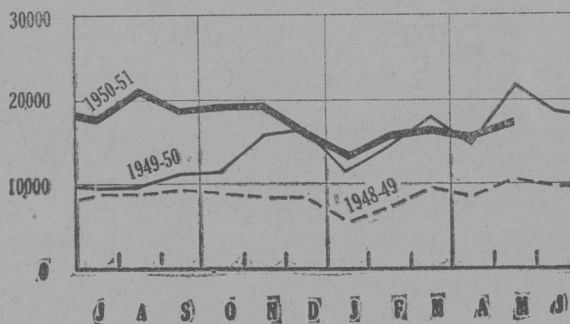
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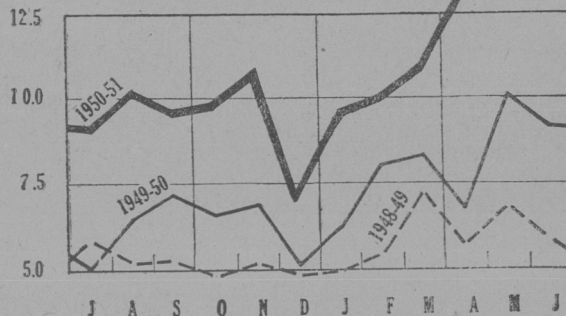
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